

VSACT Meeting Notes: 21 February 2018

Due to the Central Texas Behavioral Wellness 2.0 Summit will take place Wednesday, March 21st from 10AM to 4:30PM at the Bell County Expo Center Assembly Hall, the March VSACT meeting has been cancelled (please see email for additional details regarding this event).

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 from 10AM - Noon is tentatively scheduled for a collaboration VSACT meeting with the Central Texas Veterans Healthcare Administration on their campus to bring our initiatives more in-line. Additional details will be pushed out as soon as they are made available!

Please provide Katherine Martin (Katherine.Martin@bellcounty.texas.gov) with any success stories/items obtained since your involvement in the VSACT! This will be crucial as we build our website and also build our reach within the region!

Guest Speaker, Lolita Gilmore, LCDC, MS, MSW – Director, Teach Them to Love (T3L) Ministries

- T3L encompasses Residential services and outreach services.
 - Founded in 2014. Mission statement: “Embrace, Empower, Equip”
 - Focuses on the concept of Trauma-Informed care and trust
 - Allows individuals to have a choice
 - Works very closely with Fort Hood
 - Psychology, sociology, and spirituality combined.
 - Focuses on Family violence, sexual assault
 - Near the largest Army Installation in the world; Killeen subsequently has quite a few cases
- Women & Children’s Shelter: 402 north 8th street Killeen TX 76541. 24/7 staff and surveillance
 - 20-30 beds. Now have a waiting list.
 - Works closely with Central Texas Youth Centers.
- Organization comprised of volunteers, interns and ministry staff. All staff is either retired or veterans.
 - Referral-based program: Social workers at the VA, CPS, Family Advocacy program on Fort Hood, Adult Probation, etc.
- Programs:
 - Domestic Violence Program
 - Protective Parenting Class.
 - Substance Abuse Program
 - Anger Management
 - Women Support Group -- Tuesdays and Thursday nights at 7pm (not just for the residents).
 - Veterans Plus Program
- Internship Program with close to 10 schools (both locally and online)
- What Makes It work:
 - Close proximity to viable resources.
 - Private funding, donations, community support, seeking to expand

- Operation Family Matters – OPM: symptoms of Domestic Violence.
 - Target high-risk. Utilizes ACE assessment.
 - Active advocates
- Current Courses:
 - Anger management
 - life skills development
 - substance abuse, parenting, etc. (reach out if you need a referral). They can do a behavioral health index.

Please contact Ms. Lolita Gilmore for more information or to complete a site visit at:

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