



EUROPEAN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER ALLIANCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 13 & 14 NOVEMBER 2019  
ANTWERP, BELGIUM, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

## ONE SAFE PLACE FOR HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT

*Strategies, Tools and Products to build and support Family Justice Centers and related multidisciplinary approaches of Gender-Based Violence, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse*

### The European Family Justice Center Alliance welcomes you!

The International Conference *One Safe Place for Hope and Empowerment* is organized by the European Family Justice Center Alliance (EFJCA) and the Family Justice Center Antwerp with support of the City Antwerp, the Flemish Government, the Province Antwerp and the Soroptimists clubs Antwerpen Anthos, Antwerpen and Antwerpen De Zes Rozen.

The conference will give forum to plenary speeches from distinguished guests and workshops/training sessions on a range of interesting topics in the field of multidisciplinary approach.

Topics are:

- *How to Start and Sustain a FJC*
- *Hope and Empowerment as key tools in the approach of the FJCs*
- *(Non-fatal) Strangulation*
- *The role of working with perpetrators in the FJC*
- *The Multifocus Methodology*
- *Moral Deliberation*
- *The role of employers and companies in tackling domestic violence*

Our colleagues from the U.S. Alliance for Hope, **Gael Strack**, founder of the FJC movement, **Chan Hellman**, Prof. Social Work, Univ. of Oklahoma, director of The Hope Research Center and **James Henderson**, trainer of US Office on Violence Against Women, will join our conference.

*Language: English (some workshops will also be offered in Dutch)*

### Target group:

The international conference is aimed at a wide audience -on local, national and international level- of organizations and professionals who work on gender-based violence, domestic violence and child abuse, from the police, the judiciary, women's aid, victim support, social services, youth care, child advocacy, the medical sector, mental health sector, restorative justice, perpetrator programs, academic sector, universities and research, training centers, self-organizations, OECD, policy makers, authorities, EC and EU mandates, employers and companies,...

### Registration:

Register for the conference on our website:

[www.efjca.eu](http://www.efjca.eu)

It is possible to register for 1 or 2 days.

### Registration fee:

2 days € 160,00 euro, 1 day € 95,00



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## PROGRAMME 13 NOVEMBER

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- 9.00:**            **Registration**
- 9.30:**            **Warming-up**  
*by Bert Groen and Pascale Franck, European Family Justice Center Alliance*
- 9.40:**            **Welcome**  
*by Luk Lemmens, Deputy Province of Antwerp*
- 9.50:**            **Voices: the stories of victims of violence: this message is our key!**  
*by An Nelissen, actress & patroness awareness-campaign gender based and domestic violence Antwerp*
- 10.10:**          **The importance of local authorities in tackling violence: the experience of the City of Antwerp**  
*by Bart De Wever, Mayor of Antwerp*
- 10.25:**          **The European Family Justice Centers: a road-trip through the European experiences in building-up a FJC**  
*by Bert Groen and Pascale Franck*
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- 10.40**            **Coffee and possibility to talk to each other**
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- 11.00:**          **From bottom-up experiences to sustainable policy: interaction between field workers and policy makers**  
*by Karine Moykens, Secretary General of Department of Welfare, Public Health & Family, Flemish Government*
- 11.15:**          **The European perspective on multidisciplinary approach of violence**  
*by Ingrid Bellander, Unit Gender Equality, European Commission*
- 11.30:**          **The broad perspective: The vision of the OECD**  
*by Monika Queisser, Social Policy, OECD*
- 11.45:**          **Orange The World: Let's work together to tackle gender-based violence**  
*by Inge Scholte, president Soroptimist International Belgium*
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- 12.00:**          **Lunch and opportunity to network**
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- 13.00:**          **The Power of Hope and Empowerment: the core of trauma-informed care that makes the difference**  
*by Gael Strack, founder FJC movement*
- 14.15 - 16.45:**    **Training and workshops**
- Parallel sessions, choice can be made between:
- A.            **(non fatal) Strangulation: a hidden but wide-spread form of violence with a huge impact for victims**  
*training by Gael Strack, US Alliance for Hope (English)*
  - B.            **The work with perpetrators in Family Justice Centers: experiences and inspiration**  
*workshop by James Henderson, national trainer for the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (English)*
  - C.            **Multifocus: evidence-based systemic intervention starting from safety-driven, trauma-informed care**  
*training by Gijs Simons and Henk Giebels, Mutsaersstichting (Dutch - Nederlands)*
  - D.            **How to Start a FJC: inspiration and tools for every-one dreaming of establishing a multidisciplinary approach**  
*workshop by Davy Simons, City of Antwerp, Dries Wyckmans, FJC Limburg and Bert Groen, EFJCA (English)*
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**18.30-20.30:**    **Network meeting: Time for sharing with colleagues and friends, with a drink and a treat**

**LET'S ORANGE THE WORLD!** Launch of the Antwerp Soroptimist "Orange-the-World"-campaign  
*Together with the Soroptimist clubs Antwerpen Anthos, Antwerpen and Antwerpen De Zes Rozen and the City Of Antwerp*  
*Special guest: An Nelissen, actress & patroness awareness-campaign gender based and domestic violence Antwerp*

**WELCOME BY THE CITY OF ANTWERP,** *by Tom Meeuws and Fons Duchateau, Eldermen of Antwerp*  
*Venue: FelixArchief, Oude Leeuwenrui 29, Antwerpen*

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## PROGRAMME 14 NOVEMBER

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### 9.00 - 11.30: Training and workshops

Parallel sessions, choice can be made between:

- A. **The work with perpetrators in Family Justice Centers: experiences and inspiration**  
*workshop by James Henderson, national trainer for the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (English)*
- B. **Multifocus: evidence-based systemic intervention starting from safety-driven, trauma-informed care training**  
*by Lienja Van Eijkeren, Mutsaersstichting (English)*
- C. **Role of Employers and Companies in the approach of DV: the importance of involvement of the workplace**  
*workshop by Bert Groen and Pascale Franck, EFJCA (English)*
- D. **Moral Deliberation: an important methodology for making the right moral decisions**  
*workshop by Governance & Integrity (Nederlands - Dutch)*

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### 11.30: Lunch and invitation to further interaction between participants

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**12.15 - 14.15: The Psychology of Hope: Hope Centered and Trauma Informed**  
*by Chan Hellman, Prof. Social Work Univ. of Oklahoma and Director Hope Research Center*

**The Work with perpetrators in the FJC-concept**  
*by James Henderson, trainer of US Office on Violence Against Women*

**Hope for the Future: Thoughts and Ideas**  
*by Gael Strack, Bert Groen and Pascale Franck*

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*training by Gael Strack, US Alliance for Hope (English)*
- B. **Moral Deliberation: an important methodology for making the right moral decisions**  
*workshop by Governance & Integrity (English)*
- C. **The work with perpetrators and the role of restorative Justice: long-term safety as input**  
*workshop by the European Forum for Restorative Justice (Nederlands - Dutch)*
- D. **How to Start a FJC: inspiration and tools for every-one dreaming of establishing a multidisciplinary approach**  
*workshop by Davy Simons, City of Antwerp, Dries Wyckmans, FJC Limburg and Bert Groen, EFJCA (English)*

**17.00 - 18.30: Possibility to visit the Family Justice Center Antwerp**  
*Registration during the conference*

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