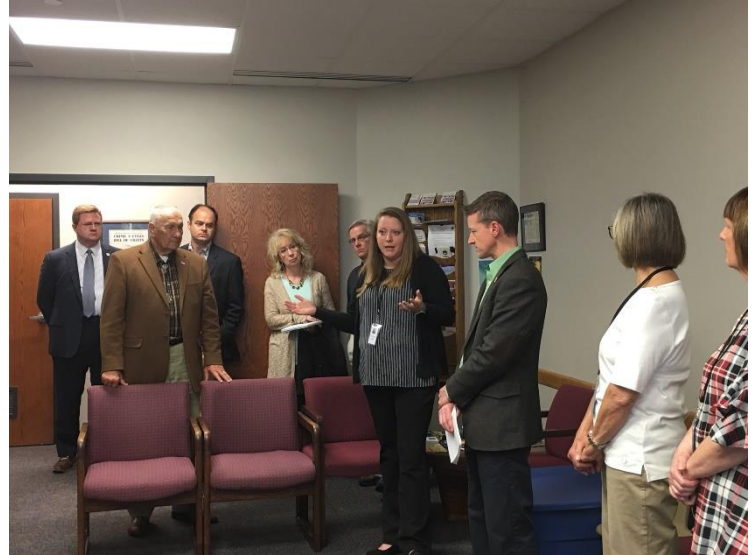


## Great Game of Huddle Notes April 9, 2019

### Traveling Huddle to the Family Justice Center

Jamie Willis introduced the Huddle today at the Family Justice Center on the second floor of the Judicial Courts. The office opened in October 2018 and has already helped 600 clients, 120 children, and has had 800 visitors. They are currently the only Family Justice Center in Springfield and the first to be a member of the Alliance of Hope before opening for business.



- The passage of the 2017 GR11 sales tax initiated funding for the Family Justice Center.
- The space was donated from Greene County until they were able to get more funds.
- They work closely/partnership with the Criminal Justice, Police Station, Burrell Health and Harmony House
  1. Criminal Justice
    - A. 2 Detectives from Springfield
    - B. 1 Greene County
  2. Harmony House
    - A. Help navigate within the office, help with court support, and other services.
  3. Burrell Health
    - A. They are a growing, integrated network of providers, therapist and case manager that helps service part of the Family Justice Center.
- There's a total of four rooms within the Family Justice Center where they can conduct interview/service.
  - A. One of the rooms can be recorded if needed. They also have ASL if needed.
  - B. The total time in the room can range from an hour and half to two hours depending on the clients need and wants.
- You can see that all the employee's within the Family Justice Center do not have individual offices. They all work closing with each other and learn from one another.

Julie Watson the Victim and Community Services Coordinator from the Prosecuting Attorney took over the Huddle and introduce the Victim and Community Service. The purpose of the department is to plan, direct, and implement victim/witness activities as defined in Missouri Statutes, under the direction of the Staff Attorney.

- They have two rooms available to speak with their clients.
- They also have another room that is set up as a living room so their client can feel more at ease and be willing to talk.

Once the case is in the system it can take up to:

Three to six months for a misdemeanor or Nine to fifteen months for a felony. It can take up to 2 years if the defense team wants to drag the case out.