

## **Tap Water Promotion Policy**

**The Family Justice Center** strives to provide and advocate for a standard of clean, safe, appealing, free, and easily accessible drinking water for families with young children and all community members. Therefore, The Family Justice Center will:

### **Provide tap water**

- Provide a convenient and appealing source of water free of charge.
- Consider improving the appeal and taste of tap water by serving it chilled, carbonated, or with fruit.
- Will use pitchers with built-in water filters to improve the taste of tap water.
- In places where children are regularly present, install water dispensers at appropriate heights.
- If a water dispenser is not conveniently located, provide coolers or pitchers of tap water, reusable cups, and the helping hand of an adult.
- At outdoor events where water dispensers are not available, provide tap water in coolers.
- Model frequent drinking of tap water.
- At meetings, provide pitchers of tap water along with reusable cups.
- Children and families will be provided with reusable, BPA-free, recyclable sports bottles and encouraged to drink tap water throughout the day.

### **Spread the word about the safety of tap water**

- Share information with employees, clients, and community members on the safety and health of drinking tap water (See Attachment 1).
- Provide resources to employees and clients on water testing and quality (See Attachment 2).
- Advocate for the water districts to clearly report water quality data to all community members, including renters and non-English speaking Contra Costa residents.
- Empower community members to report when water tastes, looks, or smells substandard (See Attachment 3).

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