

# Family Violence Prevention Services

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## ***Can't Beat Love: Shining the Spotlight on Bullying -***

Sponsored By

**The Battered Women and Children's Shelter and The National Council of Jewish Women**

### ***Third Annual Can't Beat Love Video Contest and Winner's Premier Gala***

San Antonio (February 29, 2012) - **Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (FVPS)** along with **The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)** will award trophies and award money for winners in the short film and Public Service Announcement (PSA) categories to highlight the growing issue of **bullying** in our schools, homes, workplace, and community at the Video Premier and Winner's Gala.

*Can't Beat Love* is honored to count on the Mayor of San Antonio's presence. **Mayor Julian Castro** will speak to the issue of bullying in the schools, and why as a community we should do everything we can to stop this occurrence for our teenagers.

The event will take place at **Santikos Northwest 14 Theaters**, located at 7600 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 78230 on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Local **students were called to create** either a short film and / or PSA focusing on the growing issue of bullying. Teams from several local high schools participated in the contest. Finalists were selected by **The Honorable Peter Sakai, 225<sup>th</sup> District Court**; Jimmy Williams, president of Shootz Productions; Howie Nestel, Owner of Sharkmatic Advertising and Rhonda Grimm, Owner of Scamp Productions. **Award trophies and prize money** will be distributed to the first (\$1,000), second (\$750) and third place (\$500) winners in the short film, as well as first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$200) for winners in the PSA categories. The winning submissions will be premiered and awards granted at the event. Admission to the event is free.

***Can't Beat Love*** will be emceed by **Josh Pulman** and **Dr. Tova Rubin**. Josh Pulman is a junior at St. Mary's Hall. He is president of Bnai Tzedek, a local philanthropic group for Jewish Teens, he is on the school's varsity tennis team, he is treasure of St. Mary's Hall Model United Nations team, and is an avid advocate for spreading awareness for the detrimental burden and anxiety bullying plays in the lives of many teenagers and young adults.

Dr. Tova Rubin is a licensed clinical psychologist with her own Psychotherapy practice serving the San Antonio community. Dr. Rubin serves as clinical faculty at the University of Texas Health Science Center and served as president of the Bexar County Psychological Association 2004-2005. Dr. Tova Rubin has recently embarked on a new theatrical career as well, writing, directing and performing in two original productions last year. Dr. Rubin is honored to assist FVPS and NCJS raise awareness in our community about the dangers of bullying.

"The sole purpose of this video contest and video premier is to bring greater recognition, awareness and understanding of bullying and the issues of domestic violence, and what we as a community can do to arrest these rising numbers of women endangered by the very people who say they love them. Today, when San Antonio is in the grip of a veritable epidemic of domestic violence," said **Marta Peláez, FVPS president and CEO**, "together we must find partners in our community to win the fight to improve the lives our women, our girls our young boys and our city."

Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of family violence by providing affected families with the necessary tools for self-sufficiency. Founded in 1977, today FVPS operates an array of programs and an emergency shelter complex, The Battered Women and Children's Shelter of Bexar County.  
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