

Child Abuse as Defined in Washington State

RCW 26.44.020 (1)

defines abuse and neglect as injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare, and/or safety is harmed. Physical discipline of a child is not considered abuse as long as it is reasonable and moderate as defined in

RCW 9A.16.100

Any use of force on a child by any persons other than the child's parent, guardian, or teacher is unlawful unless it is reasonable and moderate and is authorized in advance by the child's parent, or guardian.

Resources

REPORT ABUSE	1-866-363-4276
Pend Oreille County Law Enforcement	509-447-1900 Dispatch Ext. 2
Youth Emergency Service	509-447-1125
Newport Hospital and Health Services	509-447-2441
Washington Resource Line	211
Pend Oreille County Counseling Services	509-447-5651

Family Crisis Network Child Advocacy Center

509-447-2274

24hr helpline 509-447-5483

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Newport, WA 99156

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Every Child Should Be Seen And Heard



What is a Child Advocacy Center?

Children's Advocacy Centers are child-focused, facilities where children and their non-offending caregivers can get help to stop abuse and begin the process of healing. The multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach used by a Child Advocacy Center, brings together all the professionals and agencies needed to offer comprehensive services to child victims and their family members. The team collaborates throughout the investigation and prosecution process providing resources, referrals, and follow up contact .

Services Provided:

- Child Forensic Interviews
- Care Coordination
- Support
- Case Collaboration
- Referrals for other services
- Therapy

How can I support Family Crisis Network Child Advocacy Center?

Family Crisis Network CAC gratefully will accept donations of monetary value and other needed resources. Please contact the Family Crisis Network Agency for specific current needs.

You can also help support the cause by:

- Encouraging healthy and safe families in the community.
- Reporting abuse when you see or hear it.
- Being a healthy and safe role model for children.
- Being a voice in the community about child abuse.
- Participating in local events that raise awareness.

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Can Anyone refer to the CAC?

No, it is important that Law Enforcement and/or CPS are the lead in making a referral. If you suspect that a child is being abused please contact Law enforcement or DCYFS.

Does it cost to use the CAC Services?

No. Family Crisis Network CAC is a grant and donation funded agency. The services provided are free of charge.

What are the ages of children served at the CAC?

Generally ages 3-17 but referrals are a case by case basis depending on developmental capacity and verbal capacity of the child.

Do you work with children even if the case is not prosecuted?

Yes. The child Advocacy Center is all about helping child victims and their non-offending family members receive comprehensive services. Referrals , support, and therapy are available regardless of the status of the case.

