

Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County
633 N. Mildred, Suite J
Tacoma, WA 98406-1725
<http://sexualassaultcenter.com>



24 Hour Crisis/Information & Referral Line (253) 474-7273 or 1-800-756-7273

General Questions about SACPC

Are there charges for SACPC Services?

ADVOCACY – Advocacy services are free of charge.

THERAPY – Therapy services are collected on a generous sliding scale fee. Every attempt is made to provide services to anyone regardless of financial ability.

EDUCATION – Most Education presentations are free of charge, although we do accept donations. There is a charge of \$150 for the 30+ hour Basic Sexual Assault Awareness Training (BSAAT). This training is offered three to four times a year and there are usually scholarships available. Costs for specific trainings are negotiated depending on time and size of audience. Mentoring for community projects is free.

How can I donate to the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County?

1. Send your check or money order to:

SACPC
633 N. Mildred, Ste J
Tacoma, WA 98406-1725

2. Credit card donations can be made on-line at www.justgive.org.

JustGive is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect people with the charities and causes they care about and to increase overall giving. With your help, we can provide victims with the support, information and resources they need, while providing education and promoting awareness through the community. You can also contact our office at (253) 597-6424.



3. Through your will, you can continue to give back to your community beyond your lifetime, but it's possible to even increase your income and charitable giving (at the same time) while living. A financial planner, lawyer, accountant or insurance agent can help you plan your gift and they can tell you about possible tax benefits to your heirs.

Our donors and the contributions we receive from them are vital to our agency and its services. Please know you make a difference to this agency and we thank you for supporting our work.

What are the current, special needs of SACPC programs?

...The agency is currently in need of the following items:

- A ***scholarship fund*** for our Basic Sexual Assault Awareness Training (BSAAT). This will enable professionals in our community who desire to attend and benefit from this 30+ hour training to do so. The fund will help support our on-going Education Prevention program. Our community need indicates attendee support of \$2,500 per year.
- Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County ***logo items*** such as pens, bags, water bottles, stress-ease balls, and hip clips.
- Copyrighted ***materials*** from sexual assault resources.
- ***Gift Certificates*** for massages for our clients.

...Through In-kind services, such as artistic creations, printing, or donated expertise.

...When you:

- Talk about sexual assault with others, you are assisting the work of our community and agency.
- Non-judgmentally listen to a victim talk about their assault or experience; you are contributing to the welfare of victims and our agency.
- Tell others of our agency and its services, you are contributing to SACPC.

...We have many volunteer opportunities which are separately detailed within this website.

How can I get involved in a community project?

...A “community” can consist of your church, your school, your workplace, your service group, your block, your apartment complex, or even your family. Have an idea of what you want to “stop from happening” or what you want to change in your community. An Educator from SACPC will work with you to help you obtain your goal. This will probably take some time and work but it is amazing to see what a few people can do to make a change! Middle school and high school students have done some great projects in Pierce County!

Are ‘you guys’ busy?

...The answer is always, “yes!” This does not mean that there’s been more sexual assaults in our community, but rather that the agency’s resources are constantly employed. The agency’s dual focus of providing direct victim services (the crisis line rings ‘when it rings’, requiring advocates to be ever ready to assist callers and we always have a waiting list for therapy services) and community education and prevention pose challenges only restricted by agency funding. The agency never experiences slow down or “down time” though the Education Prevention program is affected by school district schedules when program staff take vacations, update curriculum, and engage in business and community work during school closures. Funding events and grant applications have deadlines, but opportunities and planning require constant attention and pursuit. The challenge to the Sexual Assault Center staff and board remains “to appreciate what we

24 Hour Crisis/Information & Referral Line (253) 474-7273 or 1-800-756-7273

accomplish, given our resources, in the face of all we feel needs to be done to meet the voiced and unvoiced needs of our community”.

How can you do that work?

...Staff are driven by knowing how important the work they do is, how badly their work and expertise is needed, their personal desire to do this work (though they wish it wasn't needed), and the fact they truly make a difference in the lives of those they serve.