



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

Community Partners

Collaborative Internal Services

While diverse agency programs often operate independently, agency programs and the Board of Directors come together to provide multi-discipline services as illustrated by the following examples:

- A Board of Directors and an active management team, comprised of the agency Executive Director and program directors, facilitate agency management.
- The agency collaborates to provide a 30+ hour Basic Sexual Assault Awareness Training, coordinated by the Education/Prevention program and supported by specific presentations from the Therapy and Advocacy programs, Tacoma Police Department, Child Protective Services, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, MultiCare's Forensic Nurse Examiner Services, Department of Corrections, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and other county agencies. This training is one example of the agency's efforts to present the most complete, knowledgeable services possible for clients and community citizens.
- Research shows that staff who work with victims in crisis easily fall victim to vicarious or secondary trauma, which affects their well being and state of mind. In the interest of maintaining healthy staff, staff members debrief with one another and the Clinical Director of Therapy Services offers support to therapy and advocacy staff.
- All programs maintain resource libraries, the majority of which are available to clients and professionals.

Collaborative External Services

We, at the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County, take great pride in the work we perform within our community. We feel privileged to work within a network of quality community service providers who join us in this work:

- Local area Law Enforcement (county, city and sheriff's departments)
- Medical Professionals:
 - FNES (Forensic Nurse Examiner Services) of Tacoma General Hospital
 - CAID (Child Abuse Intervention Department) of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
 - Emergency room professionals at other area hospitals (Good Samaritan Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Francis, Auburn Valley Medical)

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- Crisis/Legal, Community-based and Victim-based Advocates:
 - Centro Latino (English & Spanish)
 - Domestic Violence Hotline
 - Indochinese Cultural Center
 - Korean Women's Association (Korean, Samoan, Philipino, Tagalog, Japanese & Russian)
 - Our Sister's House
 - YWCA of Tacoma/Pierce County (English & Spanish)
- Pierce County Prosecutor's Office
- CPS – Child Protective Services
- APS – Adult Protective Services
- Pierce County Aging & Long-term Care
- Child Forensic Interviewers (located at both CAID and within the Prosecutor's Office)
- Crime Victims Compensation
- Civil litigation attorneys
- Court Systems from judges to staff (cities, county, district, federal)
- Community Mental Health Care Providers:
 - Asian Counseling Services (Cambodian, Vietnamese & Korean)
 - Child & Family Guidance Center
 - Comprehensive Mental Health Center
 - Good Samaritan Community Health Care
 - Greater Lakes Mental Health Care
 - Sea mar Behavioral Health Center (English & Spanish)
- Other Referral/Associated Agencies:
 - MOMs Recovery (a program within Pierce County Department of Health)
 - Pierce County Juvenile Probation
 - PAAYS – Proud African American Youth
 - Planned Parenthood of Western WA