

What does the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) do?

The Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly center in Tacoma. The Child Advocacy Center provides various services including counseling, advocacy and forensic interviewing. The Child Advocacy is dedicated to a multidisciplinary approach when working with children who may have been abused. A multidisciplinary team consists of professionals from different agencies. The team may include: Puyallup Police Department, Puyallup & Federal Prosecutors, Children's Services, Therapists, SANE nurses, forensic interviewers, victims advocate.

A Child Advocacy Center is:

- ✓ A place to begin a journey of healing
- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Child focused
- ✓ Support for children and their families

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What to Expect from Children of the River Child Advocacy Center

Child Forensic Interviews

The CRCAC is a safe place for children to talk about abuse and tell their story to the Forensic Interviewer. The Forensic Interviewer is trained to speak with children about difficult subjects and to ask developmentally appropriate questions. The interview is conducted in a non-leading and non-threatening manner. Investigative agencies may watch this interview from another room. This allows the interviewer to address the questions of other team members.

Forensic Medical Examinations

The child advocacy staff help coordinate medical exams. The medical exam takes place at a medical facility that accommodates this type of exam. The exam will include a medical history from the caregiver as well as from the child, a thorough head to toe exam paying close attention to the areas of the child's body that may have been injured.

Mental Health Screening and Services

The child advocacy center staff offer the family a mental health screening at the time of a child's intake, exam or forensic interview. Based on the screening, staff may offer specialized trauma-informed counseling services.

**Abuse is never okay.
The CRCAC is where
healing starts!**

Family Support Services

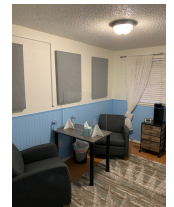
The victim advocate at the CRCAC aims to meet with the non-offending caregivers to conduct an intake to assess for needs of the family and offer services or referrals as needed. The victims advocate can be the compassionate support the family needs at the time of the forensic interview/exam and throughout the entirety of the case. Learning how to support your child will help in the process of recover and healing.

Multidisciplinary Team

Children of the River Advocacy center staff participate in a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). The team members are a collaboration of entities whom have professional roles in the MDT to help child victims of physical and sexual abuse.

Members of the team include the following:

Puyallup Tribe Law Enforcement
United States Attorney's Office
Kwawachee Counseling Center
Puyallup Tribe Children's Services
Puyallup Tribe Prosecutors
Medical Personnel
Victim Advocate
Forensic Interviewer
Mental Health Therapist



Forensic Interview Room

