



where to turn for teens

2024-2025

TEEN LINK HELP LINE 866-833-6546

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What is Teen Link?

Teen Link is a safe place for teens to connect with their peers for emotional support and resources. Peer volunteers answer calls, texts, and chats from teens in Washington State, 7 days a week. Community and connection are the heart of Teen Link—staff and volunteers can be found at local events and schools presenting info on youth suicide prevention.

Honoring Our History

Audra Letnes, age 16, died in 1993 at the hands of a boyfriend who physically and sexually abused her for over a year. Sadly, like many teens, she didn't have anyone she could talk to about her abuse before that tragic moment.

Audra's mom tried to find help. She found adult domestic violence programs but nothing for teens. Audra struggled with opening up to adults in support programs. As a result, she became withdrawn and isolated—leaving her vulnerable to the abuse.

As a crisis line worker, Audra's mom knew the power that even one meaningful connection can have for a person in crisis. She wanted to create a program to support youth in crisis and prevent similar tragedies from happening. In 1996, she worked with Crisis Connections to develop the Teen Link help line—a line for teens by teens.

Talk it out! Call or text: 866-833-6546

Get more info or get involved: teenlink.org

Crisis Connections Programs









Where to Turn for Teens is made possible by the generosity of our donors along with the help of public funding. Donations and grants ensure teens have somewhere to turn during a crisis.

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crisisconnections.org/donate

Search community resources online

search.teenlink.org



866-789-1511





Where to Turn for Teens (WTTFT) is a resource guide published each fall. It was created specifically for youth searching for self-empowerment with the support of others. The agencies listed provide a wide variety of services. WTTFT aims to ensure teens are aware of the many youth-friendly resources to serve their unique needs.

USING YOUR WITH GUIDE

There are two ways to look up information in WTTFT: the Table of Contents and the Index. The Table of Contents is helpful if you know the type of services you are seeking. If you already know the agency name, the alphabetized Index can be guicker.

You will find a symbol next to each agency name. The symbol designates the region the agency serves:

- K King County S Snohomish County
- P Pierce County W All of Washington State

AGENCY AVAILABILITY & CHANGES

All resources were up to date as of June 2024. It is best to call each resource to clarify which services are currently available.

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Before calling agencies, it is a good idea to have a list of questions that you hope to have answered. Some important questions to ask are:

- · What area do you serve?
- When are you open?
- · Where are you located?
- · Do I need parental consent?
- · Is there a cost for your services?
- · What is the availability and accessibility of resources?

TRANSPORTATION

If you do not have transportation available to get to appointments and you are enrolled in Apple Health in Washington State, you may qualify for free non-emergency transportation services. Find more information for your area here:



https://bit.ly/46s4R3W

TRANSLATION SERVICES

For services in a language other than English, look for the symbol, which indicates the agency provides translation. If you are enrolled in Apple Health, visit the Washington State Health Care Authority website to arrange services for medical appointments:

hca.wa.gov/about-hca/interpreter-services

ADDITIONAL TIPS

Use the Notes section at the back of this book to write the name of the person you spoke with and any information you receive.

If this feels overwhelming and you're not sure where to start, call us at **866-833-6546** and we can help you navigate the process. You don't have to do it alone!

If you reach voicemail, speak slowly and clearly when leaving a message. Be sure to include your full name, phone number, and a brief explanation of your questions or concerns.



Dale la vuelta a este libro para ver la versión en español

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Teen Link Help Line 866-833-6546

TEEN LINK IS RUN BY TEENS FOR TEENS

Teen Link is totally confidential. You can call, text, or chat to talk with other teens about whatever is on your mind. Volunteers at Teen Link are amazing listeners who have extensive training to help you—no issue is too big or too small. 7 Days a Week 6-10pm.

Call or text: **866-833-6546** Chat: teenlink.org/chat

Search resources for teens: search.teenlink.org

988—24/7 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Call or text 988 for help with anything you might be experiencing, including thoughts of suicide, mental health crisis, depression, or anxiety—there's no wrong reason to reach out for yourself or someone you care about any time—day or night.

Call or text: 988

Chat: 988lifeline.org/chat

WASHINGTON RECOVERY HELP LINE PROVIDES SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL AND COMPASSIONATE SUBSTANCE USE SUPPORT

If you're worried about anything from alcohol use to drugs or problem gambling, the folks at Recovery Help Line will help you get connected to the right resources. Reach out for nonjudgmental support 24/7/365.

Call or text: 866-789-1511

Search the MOUD Locator: search.warecoveryhelpline.org

KING COUNTY 211

Need help with essential needs resources like food, shelter or medical care? 211 can help connect you with health and human services throughout Washington State.

Dial **211** Monday – Friday 9am-5pm Text your zip code to **898211**

Search resources anytime: search.wa211.org

If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911

AFTER HOURS CALLS

After hours, callers have the option of calling 988, the WA Recovery Help Line, King County Crisis Line, or leaving a message on the Teen Link voicemail.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

Crisis Connections offers Suicide Prevention for Students Training in King County and surrounding areas by qualified trainers. It includes information on youth suicide and an overview of local resources. These trainings help teens identify warning signs, talk directly about suicide, and support themselves and others who may be dealing with a mental health challenge. Students are encouraged to talk openly about stress, coping, depression, and suicidal behavior.

To schedule a training (online or in-person), get info, or update your agency details, contact us at info@crisisconnections.org or 206-461-3210.

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TEEN LINK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering is a great way to develop leadership skills, learn about community resources, and connect with other youth. For more information about volunteering, call 866-833-6546 between 6 -10pm or visit teenlink, org.

Volunteer Positions

YOUTH OUTREACH WORKERS (AGES 13-20)

Youth Outreach Specialists engage the community by building connections with schools, other organizations, and spreading awareness of Teen Link — as well as the importance of youth mental health.

YOUTH CRISIS SPECIALIST (AGES 15-20)

Provide emotional support and referrals to teens who call the help line or use Teen Link chat or text.

PEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AGES 15-20)

Be part of protecting Teen Link's future! Keep youth experiences at the forefront and help amplify the youth voice as an advisory committee member.

YOUTH CRISIS MENTOR (AGE 21+)

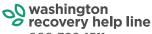
Coach teen volunteers during calls, chats, and text. Offer guidance to volunteers on engaging callers, debrief after calls have ended, and ensure appropriate protocols are followed.

INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP ADULTS (18+)

Adults can gain practical experience working in an agency environment as either a phone worker or mentor. This experience counts toward clinical, or service hours needed to obtain an undergraduate or graduate-level degree in programs related to psychology, mental health, and social work. Email teenlink@crisisconnections.org for details.

Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Use





866-789-1511

For more information on drugs and alcohol and how they affect your brain and body, check out the National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens at <u>teens.drugabuse.gov</u>. For information related to marijuana use and prevention, visit <u>youcanwa.org</u>.

Signs that someone's substance use may be a problem:

- · Using more than planned
- · Spending more time drinking or using
- · Blacking out or having trouble remembering things

Washington Recovery Help Line offers 24/7 support for teens facing substance use or problem gambling. Call or text **866-789-1511** for confidential, compassionate support anytime.

COUNSELING/TREATMENT

©PS® Center for Human Services	206.362.7282
© Center for Multicultural Healthcenterformulticulturalhealth.org	206.461.6910
S Compass Health compasshealth.org	844.822.7609
(PS) Evergreen Council of Problem Gambling . evergreencpg.org	800.547.6133
King County Needle Exchange	63.2000, opt. 2

	253.272.4857
(S) Ryther	206.525.5050
http://ryther.org Sound	206 202 2200
sound.health	200.302.2300
Therapeutic Health Services	206.322.7676
ths-wa.org	425.263.3006
(WISe) hca.wa.gov <i>Please see page 14 for program details</i>	
rica.wa.gov ricuse see page 14 joi program actuis	
SUPPORT GROUPS	
(C) Alateen & Alanon	206.625.0000
seattle-al-anon.org	
Alateen & Alanon	.800.726.8094
al-anon-pierce-wa.org	
695 Alateen & Alanondist23.org	425.348.7828
Alcoholics Anonymous	206 E07 2020
seattleaa.org S snocoaa.org	425.252.2525
Puget Sound Alcoholics Anonymous	
pugetsoundaa.org	1233117 110037
©PSW Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling evergreencpg.org	1.800.547.6133
Gamblers Anonymous	.855.222.5542
gamblersanonymous.org	
®PS Marijuana Anonymous	. 206.414.9270
madistrict4.org	
KPSW Narcotics Anonymous	206.790.8888
wnirna.org/meetings © 95 ® Wraparound (WISe)	
hca.wa.gov Please see page 14 for program details	

Counseling and Mental Health



Did you know that in Washington State, youth may access confidential counseling at age 13 without parent/guardian consent?

The following agencies provide mental and behavioral health services for youth.

services for youth.	
©OS Compass Health compasshealth.org	844.822.7609
©S Center for Human Serviceschs-nw.org/services/mental-health-counseling/	206.362.7282
© Consejo Counseling & Referral Serviceonsejocounseling.org Culturally competent behavior services for the Latinx community	
Greater Lakes Mental Health Care http://glmhc.org/	253.581.7020
P Hope Sparks Family Services hopesparks.org	. 253.565.4484
R Friends of Youth	425 392 6367

Friends of Youth	425.392.6367
<u>friendsofyouth.org</u>	
YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES	
Rent Youth and Family Serviceskyfs.org/counseling/mental-health/	253.859.0300
Mercer Island Youth & Family Services	206.275.7611
miyfs.org	
MultiCare Behavioral Health multicare.org/behavioral-health	253.445.8120
Navos/Ruth Dykeman Youth & Family Services navos.org/get-help/children-youth-families	206.248.8226
Northshore Youth & Family Servicesnorthshoreyouthandfamilyservices.org	425.485.6541
Pearl Counseling Associates pearlcounseling.com	253.752.1860
RP Pioneer Counseling	206.768.1990

pioneerhumanservices.org/youth-programs

125 271 5600

Childhaven	425.271.5600
rays.org ® S Ryther ♥	206.525.5050
ryther.org	
YMCA Social Impact Center	206.382.5340
seattleymca.org/social-impact-center	
®PS Sea Mar Community Health Center ♥ se	amar.org
Seattle	
Tacoma	
Everett	425.312.02//
	206.302.2300
sound.health	
Southeast Youth & Family Services	206.721.5542
seyfs.org	006 007 7600
Southwest Youth & Family Servicesswyfs.org	206.937.7680
(\$\sigma\$ Therapeutic Health Servicesths-wa.org	206.322.7676
	252 022 7444
Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care valleycities.org	253.833.7444
Vashon Youth & Family Services	206.463.5511
vyfs.org	
You Grow Girl	206.417.9904
yougrowgirl.org	405 747 4007
Youth Eastside Services youtheastsideservices.org	425./4/.493/
Bellevue Parent/Teen Mediation Program	425 452 4091
bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/cor	nmunity-
development/conflict-resolution-center	

Childhavan

The following directories can be used to search for a licensed counselor anywhere in Washington State. You can filter your search by zip code, insurance, primary concerns, gender, ethnicity, and more:

- Counseling Washington counselingwashington.com
- Psychology Today psychologytoday.com

©PSW Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)

Wraparound is a team planning process for youth with complex needs and their families. It is designed to help youth stay in their homes and communities. In receiving this extra support, many can successfully manage complex situations. A team of relevant individuals (family, service providers, school staff, community members, and natural supports) is created to support the youth from all sides. You may be a good fit if you are under 21 years old and are enrolled in two or more of the following services: mental health, substance use, special education, Children's Administration, Juvenile Justice, or Developmental Disabilities Administration. Visit https://kingcounty.gov/wraparoundwise to learn more about program eligibility. To request a

referral, you can call the King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division at **206.263.9000** or the agency serving your school district:

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(S) Center for Human Services	206.362.7282
SEATTLE, BELLEVUE, REDMOND, MERCER ISLAND, HIGH	LINE, RENTON,
TUKWILA, VASHON Sound	206.451.9544
KENT, ENUMCLAW, FEDERAL WAY, AND AUBURN Valley Cites Behavioral Health	206.408.5246
OTHER KING COUNTY ③ Childhaven ♥ (for youth under 6) ③ Ryther ♥ ⑤ Seneca ♥ (for youth under 6) ⑤ Therapeutic Health Services ⑥ YMCA ♥ ⑥ You Grow Girl!	206.517.0234 206.490.0985 425.322.7676 206.327.1271
Pierce County Wraparound/WISe S Snohomish County Wraparound/WISe	

1 066 127 Cricic (1717)

ts 24-Hour Crisis Line	300.427.CHSIS (4747)
crisisconnections.org/24-hour-crisis-line/	
®PSW National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	
988lifeline.org	988
MARIAN Teen Link	866-833-6546

Teen Link, the 24-Hour Crisis Line, and the WA Warm Line do not provide ongoing counseling. However, callers can use these lines for additional support between counseling appointments.



24 Hour Cricic Line

"Teen Link is a resource we recommend almost every day. It empowers teens to take the first step toward help."

-SCHOOL RESOURCE COUNSELOR

Eating Disorders



"Feelings are like waves, we can't stop them from coming but we can choose which one to surf."

-JONATAN MARTENSSON

Eating disorders are serious but treatable conditions that involve extreme emotions and behaviors surrounding food and weight or shape. They can arise from psychological, emotional, social, and familial situations, but they have no single reason or cause. Eating disorders can become life threatening, so getting professional help is important. The following agencies provide support for people who are dealing with an eating disorder.

©PS Center for Discovery	877.554.0563
Support groups for teens and family/friends	
The Emily Programemilyprogram.com	
Inpatient and outpatient eating disorder treatm	ent facility
RPSW Eating Disorders Anonymouseating disorders anonymous.org	
Republic National Eating Disorders Association nationaleating disorders.org Education, advocacy, treatment, and prevention 2413744	
741741	206 026 0007
© Opal Food & Body Wisdomopalfoodandbody.com Inpatient treatment for 18+	206.926.9087
©PS® Overeaters Anonymousseattleoa.org	206.264.5045
S The Center - A Place of Hopeaplaceofhope.com	1.888.771.5166
Inpatient eating disorder treatment facility	

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Grief and Loss



"Bereavement is a universal and integral part of our experience of love."

-C. S. LEWIS

Rridges Center for Grieving Children

Dealing with the loss of a loved one is a challenging process. Often the loss can feel overwhelming and seem too much to bear. It may result in emotions such as sadness, shock, or anger, and in physical sensations such as breathlessness and lack of energy. While these are all common reactions to grief and loss, seeking additional support and resources can help you manage some of the feelings that you are dealing with. These agencies and programs have been developed for individuals that are dealing with a loss:

marybridge.org/services/bridges-center-for-grieving-children/
© Support After Suicide <u>crisisconnections.org</u> Support for survivors of suicide loss
© Eluna 267.687.7724 elunanetwork.org Grief camps and programs
Providence Grief Support Services
§ Providence Grief Support Services
&3 Safe Crossings
© © The Healing Center 206.523.1206 healingcenterseattle.org
Wild Grief

Physical Health Concerns

Affordable health care options are available to youth. If you are 14 years-old or older and do not want a parent or guardian to know you are seeking services, make sure to ask the agency about their policies regarding confidentiality.

45th Street Clinic	206.633.7650
neighborcare.org Homeless youth clinic. Call or visit to make an appoi	ntment
© Center for Multicultural Health centerformulticulturalhealth.org	206.461.6910
Ocmmunity Health Carecommhealth.org	253.722.2161
S Community Health Center of Snohomish County chcsno.org	425.789.3789
Peighborhood Clinicneighborhoodclinictacoma.org	253.627.6353
Safe Harbor Free Clinicsafeharborfreeclinic.org	425.870.7384
P Key Free Clinic keyfreeclinic.org	253.313.5539
©© SeaMar Community Health Centersseamar.org	855.289.4503
CONSULTING NURSE LINE	
🚯 Evergreen Health	899.3000 Opt. 2
DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH - SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY	
Columbia Public Health	
ß Downtown Public Health	206.477.8300

School-based health centers are an additional option for students. Visit your school's health center or talk with your school nurse for more information.

.206.477.8000

Eastgate Public Health.....

Sexual Health



Did you know that over 20% of teens experience an unplanned pregnancy by age 20? Explore the resources below for support with birth control, medical care, and more. Taking control of your health and future is empowering!

BIRTH CONTROL AND PREGNANCY

RPSW All-Options.....

You are the only person who gets to decide when you are ready to become sexually active. Being proactive with your partner in discussing birth control and sexual health is an important part of a safe and healthy relationship. If you think you may be pregnant, it's important to make an appointment to get tested by a health care professional as home pregnancy kits are not always accurate. In Washington State, minors of any age do not need a parent or legal guardian's permission to access birth control or pregnancy or abortion-related services. If you are pregnant, seek emotional support from someone you trust, and talk with a medical professional about your options.

.....1.888.493.0092

all-options.org	
Pregnancy counseling talk-line	
© Cedar River Clinic	
Clinic offering reproductive healthcare, abortions, and birth control	
© Center for Multicultural Health	1
Maternal Child Outreach Team (MCOT)253.649.1629 tpchd.org/healthy-people/family-health	
©©© Open Adoption & Family Services	
© S Planned Parenthood	

KPSW Help Me Grow	1.800.322.2588
parenthelp123.org	
	206.326.2656
(up to age 21)	
Step by Step Family Support Center	253.896.0903
stepbystepfamily.org	

Teen clinics at public health

Seattle-King	County	Teen Cl	inics.	 	 	
teenclinic.com						

Free and confidential birth control methods, pregnancy testing, STI testing and treatment, and free condoms for youth

To schedule an appointment or ask for walk-in hours, call:

To schedule all appointment of ask for walk-in flours, call.		
Auburn Public Health	206.477.0600	
Eastgate Public Health	206.477.8000	
	206.477.6800	
Kent Public Health	206.477.6950	

STI (SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION) TESTING, TREATMENT. AND INFORMATION

Many teens may be unaware of the dangers associated with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and how to prevent or identify them. Talking with your partner about STIs and getting testing regularly are important parts of being sexually active. Myths exist regarding all STIs, so it is important to learn the facts before potentially putting yourself and others at risk.

In Washington State, teens 14 years and older do not need a parent or legal guardian's permission to receive STI testing or treatment.

Cedar River Clinics	1.800.572.4223
<u>cedarriverclinics.org</u>	
© Center for Multicultural Health centerformulticulturalhealth.org	206.461.6910
Community Health Care commhealth org	253.722.2161

S Community Health Center of Snohomish County 425.789.3789 chcsno.org
© Entre Hermanos
© Gay City 206.860.6969 gaycity.org/wellness
& Lifelong AIDS Alliance 206.957.1600 lifelong.org
Neighborcare Health
© S Planned Parenthood
§ Sexual Health Clinic at Harborview206.744.3590 uwmedicine.org/locations/sexual-health-clinic-harborview
®PS® Safer STD Testing800.666.1250 saferstdtesting.com
®® SeaMar Community Health Centers ♥seamar.org
®PSW Snohomish Health District STD/HIV Program 425.339.5261 snohd.org/185/Sexually-Trasmitted-Diseases
P Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department ♥253.798.3805 tpchd.org/healthy-people/sexually-transmitted-diseases

See page 18 for additional Physical Health Concerns resources

Suicide and Self-Harm (Non-Suicidal Injury)





WARNING SIGNS FOR SUICIDE INCLUDE

- · Changes in eating and sleeping patterns
- · Dropping hints, talking about suicide, or making a plan
- Talking about feeling hopeless, trapped, or like a burden
- · Withdrawing or isolating from close friends and family
- · Giving away prized possessions
- Being very obsessive and perfectionistic
- · Acting anxious or agitated
- Engaging in risky behaviors (driving recklessly, increased substance use, etc.)

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU DETERMINE URGENCY

- 1. How many warning signs are present?
- 2. How long have the warning signs been present?
- 3. How extreme or severe are the warning signs?

If you are concerned that you or someone you know may be suicidal, it is important to address the situation immediately. Mentioning suicide will not give the person the idea or push them over the edge. They may feel relieved that someone is willing to talk about what they're thinking and feeling. Sharing your concerns can prevent a suicide attempt from occurring and can save a life.

HOW TO HELP



Step One is a great way to ask about any issue

STEP ONE: SHOW YOU CARE

- Talk to the person you are concerned about in a caring manner
- · Be specific about the warning signs you have noticed
- · Listen without judgement

STEP TWO: ASK THE QUESTION DIRECTLY

· Are you thinking about suicide/killing yourself?

STEP THREE: TALK TO AN ADULT YOU TRUST

- It is important that you do not keep this secret for someone
- If someone is talking about being suicidal, they are asking for help

These steps can help you on your way to ongoing mental health care. Experiencing suicidal thoughts is different for everyone. Call or text Teen Link at 866-833-6546 for support from trained youth volunteers, every day from 6-10pm. Call or text 988 any time, day or night.

Check out these resources if you need more support: ② 24-Hour Crisis Line ♡
http://crisisconnections.org/24-hour-crisis-line/ PS® Boys Town National Hotline
<u>yourlifeyourvoice.org</u>
♦ Children's Crisis Response Outreach Service (CCORS) ♥ 206.461.3222 seattleymca.org/social-impact-center/youth-young-adults/crisis-support
③Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) - Compass Health♥1.800.584.3578 compasshealth.org/services/mcot
©PS® Crisis Text Line
©PS® Forefront Suicide Prevention206.543.1016 intheforefront.org
®PSW National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ♥988

© PS W National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Español ♥1.800.628.9454
Pierce County Crisis Line V
© 60 Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicidesptsusa.org
© © © The Trevor Project
© Trans Lifeline
S Volunteers of America Western WA ♥

SELF-HARM (NON-SUICIDAL SELF-INJURY)

24/7 Crisis phone line and chat

Some people experiencing mental challenges such as depression or anxiety turn to self-harm as a way of releasing and managing emotions. In most cases, these actions are not done as suicide attempts but as coping methods for people to help manage the mental pain they are feeling. Some people self-harm to numb their feelings while others may harm themselves to feel something. Cutting, scratching, and burning are common ways people harm themselves, but self-harm includes any intentional act that a person does to hurt their body.

Finding alternatives to self-harm can be challenging, but journaling about the emotions and events that lead to the behaviors can help a person understand why they do it, what other activities could help satisfy those emotional needs, and how to talk to someone about getting support. Creative outlets like drawing and painting can also be helpful ways of expressing and describing feelings.

When talking to someone about self-harm, it is important to stay focused on the harmful behavior itself and not jump to conclusions about suicide. For example, it is more beneficial to ask about what specific actions and events trigger their urges to self-harm rather than ask if they harm themselves because they are suicidal. If you have any questions or concerns about self-harm, give us a call or text at 866.833.6546.

In addition to the helplines listed before, the following resources can help provide support and referrals:

- Adolescent Self Injury Foundation.....adolescentselfinjuryfoundation.com
- WNational Eating Disorders Association Helpline♥..1.800.931.2237
- Self-Injury Outreach & Support.....
 sioutreach.org
- **©PS** To Write Love on Her Arms.....

twloha.com

Online resource and support page



"Embrace and love all of yourself—past, present, and future. Forgive yourself quickly and as often as necessary. Encourage yourself. Tell yourself good things about yourself."

-MELODY BEATTIE





teenlink.org/support

Abuse and Mistreatment of Minors



"You can recognize survivors of abuse by their courage."

-JEANNE MCELVANEY

Individuals under 18 are at an increased risk of experiencing abuse and mistreatment when parental/guardian relationships are unhealthy as well as when people with substance use and/ or psychological disorders are a part of home life. Abuse, mistreatment of a minor, and neglect pose a substantial risk of harm to a child and their safety.

There are four primary types of child abuse:

- · Physical abuse
- · Emotional/Psychological abuse
- · Sexual abuse
- Neglect

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse, accounting for more than 75% of all cases of child mistreatment. It may be especially difficult to obtain evidence for neglect and to address it. No minor deserves to experience abuse or mistreatment.

CPSW Childhelp USA	1.800.422.4453
<u>childhelp.org</u>	
© O Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center dawsonplace.org	er425.789.3000
Mary Bridge's Child Abuse Intervention Department Marybridge.org/services/child-abuse-intervention-d	
W Police Department Emergency Number	911
®PS Washington State DSHS - End Harm	
Child Protective Services	1.866.363.4276
dshs.wa.gov/report-abuse-and-neglect	

Bullying and Cyberbullying



When bystanders intervene on behalf of someone being bullied at school, the bullying stops over 50% of the time.

STOPRILLYING GOV

Bullying is harmful behavior that not only hurts people in the present but can also have long-lasting, negative effects on everyone involved. About 20% of students report experiencing bullying or feeling unsafe at schools in Washington State. Cyberbullying can worsen these problems as bullies can antagonize their victims outside of school and anonymously. As of January 2020, Washington State law prohibits electronic, written, verbal, or physical acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) in schools that do one or more of the following:

- Physically harm a student or damage the student's property
- · Have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education
- Are so severe, persistent, or pervasive that they create an intimidating or threatening educational environment
- · Have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school

Schools in Washington State are required to create and follow procedures that require intervention on behalf of students who are experiencing bullying, so you can always start by speaking with a teacher, counselor, or administrator at your school. If you don't feel comfortable talking about it at school, give us a call at 1.866.833.6546 to connect with another teen or check out the resources below.

- Crisis Text Line, text "HELLO" to 741741crisistextline.org Youth/ anti-bullying resources for LGBTQ youth
- STOMP Out Bullying.....stompoutbullying.org Online resource center and chat help line
- Washington State ACLU aclu-wa.org/pages/harassment-and-bullving Information about bullying and reporting in Washington State

Dating and Domestic Violence



"I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it."

-MAYA ANGELOU

Dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors such as emotional, verbal, psychological, physical, or sexual abuse by a romantic partner that is used to exert power and control. Dating violence tends to become more severe with time as the abuser tries to increase their power and control. There are many forms of dating abuse and unhealthy behaviors.

SIX COMMON TYPES INCLUDE

- · Physical abuse
- · Emotional/Verbal abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Stalking
- · Digital abuse/cyberbullying
- · Financial abuse

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ABUSER CAN INCLUDE

- · Blaming you for their own abusive behavior
- Seeing you as property or a sex object, rather than as a person
- · Threatening to commit suicide or self-harm if you leave
- · Having a bad and unpredictable temper
- · Physical threats and actions that hurt you
- Threatening to harm or take away your children
- · Constantly checking on you or monitoring you
- Controlling what you do, who you see, where you go, or what you wear
- · Belittling comments

CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUALS BEING ABUSED CAN INCLUDE

- · Seeming afraid of or anxious to please their partner
- · Self-isolation or avoidance of gatherings
- · Low self-esteem

Fear, threats, shame, and the belief that an abuser's behavior will change often contribute to the victim feeling unsure about talking to someone about their situation. It is important to remember that there is support available. No one deserves to feel unsafe in a romantic relationship.

feel unsafe in a romantic relationship.
Observation (ADWAS) 206.812.1001 adwas.org
OAWN-Domestic Abuse Women's Network425.656.7867 dawnrising.org Serves South King County
© DV Hopeline
©PSW Police Department Emergency Service ♥911
© 25 StrongHearts Native Helpline 1.844.7NATIVE(762.8483) strongheartshelpline.org
(3 Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline 866.331.9474 or Text Loveis to 22522 <u>loveisrespect.org</u> Serves South King County
② YWCA Pierce Countyxxx.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
© SYWCA Children's Domestic Violence Program 877.757.8297

③②⑤ YWCA Children's Domestic Violence Program...877.757.8297 ywcaworks.org/programs/gender-based-violence-specializedservices

Legal Services and Community Support for Youth



Did you know: Washington State uses At-Risk Youth (ARY) and Child in Need of Services (CHINS) petitions to help young people and their families work through conflict and receive additional legal support?

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LEGAL OPTIONS

https://washingtonlawhelp.org/issues/youth-law-education/atrisk-children

Children and young adults with issues related to crime, domestic abuse, drugs and alcohol, early pregnancy, or school-related problems may find themselves without resources to help them recover, grow, and thrive. Terms such as at-risk, at-promise, upward, or opportunity youth are often used, but every young person deserves an opportunity at the life they desire. These resources can help connect youth experiencing these problems with the services they need. Resources in this section also support children and young adults contemplating suicide.

Additic Street Center additicstreetcenter.org
Family resource center, youth development, domestic
violence support
CPS Center for Children & Youth Justice206.696.7503
http://ccyj.org/
6 Friends of Youth 425.869.6490

YMCA Social Impact Center....seattleymca.org/social-impact-center

Atlantic Stroot Contor

ANGER MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL USE

Powerful Voices	206.860.1026
nowerfulvoices org	

GANG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION	
② Safe Streets Campaignsafest.org	253.272.6824
P YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties	253 841 9622
ymcapkc.org	
§ YMCA of Snohomish Countyymca-snoco.org	425.337.0123
You Grow Girl	206.417.9904
yougrowgirl.org	105 7 47 1007
Youth Eastside Services youtheastsideservices.org	425./4/.493/
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LEGAL SERVICES Human and civil rights protect people long b	efore they turn 18
6290 211	211
Screens and refers to a range of legal service pr	roviders
	425.747.7274
King County Bar Association Neighborhood Lega kcba.org	al Clinics206.267.7070
King County Superior Court - Juvenile Coukingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/juveni	
Counsel for Youth & Children	206.494.0323
©PS® NW Justice Project	1.888.201.1014
nwjustice.org Legal services for low-income Washington resid	lonts
© Team Child	
teamchild.org	200.322.2 444 press 0
© © S ® QLaw Legal Clinic ♥	
Snohomish County Legal Servicessnocolegal.org	
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association tpcba.com	253.383.3432
®S® Washington Law Help <u>wa</u>	shingtonlawhelp.org
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Rape and Sexual Harassment/Assault

911/988/211 work together to provide whole person care—if you or someone you care about has been harmed—reach out for help right away.

It is important to know that experiencing rape and/or sexual harassment/assault is not the fault of the survivor. There are many emotions and phases of healing that accompany rape or sexual assault. Due to the often-aggressive nature of the experience and the potential for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or pregnancy, it is important for a survivor to follow up with the emergency department at their local hospital within 72 hours (about 3 days). To help the survivor navigate their options, such as evidence collection and more, a social worker will often be involved at the hospital. To provide the best evidence collection, the survivor should avoid showering or changing clothes prior to evidence collection. You do not have to do any part of the exam you do not want. Additionally, the doctor can discuss medications that are available to reduce the chances of contracting an STI or getting pregnant.

If the survivor is under the age of 18, the law requires the police to be notified. However, going to the hospital and submitting a report do not necessarily mean that charges must be filed against the perpetrator or that participation in a legal case is required. Counselors at the hospital or other agencies can talk about available alternatives and help the survivor decide what the best choice is for them.

®PSW Emergency Number ♥	911
MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital ♥253.40	3.1000
multicare.org/sexual-assault-services	

©©©® Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)
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Prebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County
sexualassaultcenter.com
Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Program
®₽\$® 1 in 6
1in6.org
Education and resources for male survivors of sexual assault
O Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS)206.812.1001 adwas.org
(§ Asian/Pacific Islander Chaya
Resources for rape & sexual harassment / assault
SDawson Place Child Advocacy Center
(§ Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress 206.744.1600 hcsats.org
© King County Sexual Assault Resource Center425.226.5062 1.888.99.VOICE(86423) (recorded information) kcsarc.org
SLegacy of Healing - Advocacy Center & Safe House

Shelter, Food and Hygiene

211 can help you with essential needs like food, shelter, and hygiene.

Call: 211

Text your zip code: 898211

Search the database: 211kingcounty.org

Homeless and runaway youth come from every socioeconomic, gender identity, educational level, and racial group in the United States. Minors experiencing homelessness do not typically choose to be homeless. Many minors face a range of home dysfunction that challenges their emotional wellbeing, development, safety, and health, forcing them to live on the streets.

KPSW 211..... Call for assistance in finding shelter, food, and other needs

DROP-IN CENTERS AND SHELTERS

Drop-in centers, homeless shelters, hot meal programs, case

care of themselves and get off the streets.	help youth take
② Camp Fire Orca	253.597.6234
S Cocoon House cocoonhouse.org	425.259.5802
S Compass Health compasshealth.org	425.349.6800
Comprehensive Life Resources comprehensiveliferesources.org	253.396.5800
Friends of Youth friendsofyouth.org Outreach and Intake	425.869.6490
© © S W New Horizons Ministries	206.374.0866

nhmin.org

Oasis Youth Center	253.671.2838
Pierce County Alliancepiercecountyalliance.org/youth-services	253.572.4750
Pierce County Day Centers pchomeless.org/facilities/daycenters	
OROOTS Young Adult Shelter	206.632.1635
Street Youth Ministries symseattle.org Youth ages 13-26	206.524.7301
7 Tacoma Rescue Mission trm.org/youth	253.383.4493
University District Youth Centeryouthcare.org/homeless-youth-services	206.526.2992
(§ YMCA Social Impact Centerseattleymca.org/social-impact-center	206.382.5340
③ YouthCare –The Shelter youthcare.org Youth ages 12-17	1.800.495.7802
© YWCA Emergency Shelter ywcaworks.org Women over 18	206.461.4882

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional housing offers youth a safe place to live while they work toward acquiring necessary life skills, self-sufficiency, and gainful employment. Please be aware that programs often have waitlists for acceptance, and most programs require a referral from a case manager or shelter program. If you are looking for transitional housing, please call 211.

3PSW 211211
Call for assistance in finding shelter, food, and other needs

Regional Access Points are an entry point to Coordinated Entry for All in King County. They are typically resource centers where households experiencing homelessness can get help finding housing and other resources. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness may call ahead to schedule an appointment.

Seattle	206.328.5900
Federal Way	253.874.6718
Renton	
North King County	206.694.6833
East King County	206.328.5900

OTHER HELPFUL SERVICES

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©©©® National Runaway Safeline (24-hour)1.800.RUNAWAY Confidential phone support for teens considering running away
(§ King County Safe Place (24-hour) 1.800.422.TEEN(8336)
O My Sister's Pantry
(34-hour)national Safe Place (24-hour)national Safe place.org
Immediate access to help and safety, with a focus on emergency shelter, for ages 12-17. Youth may text Safe Place directly or walk onto any King County bus or into a location with the Safe Place sign displayed and ask for help. Text "Safe" and your current location (street address, city, state) to 69866 for help via text.
Northwest Harvest
© Teen Feed (7 nights/week)

Culturally Inclusive Agencies

Families and youth from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds face social issues that are impacted by cultural experiences and contribute to their ability and readiness to navigate life circumstances. Families and youth deserve to be met where they are. These agencies offer opportunities for cultural engagement.

	206.695.7600
acrs.org P Asia Pacific Cultural Center	252 202 2000
asiapacificculturalcenter.org	. 253.383.3900
Asian/Pacific Islander Chaya asiapacificculturalcenter.org	.253.383.3900
Ccsww.org/get-help	.206.323.6336
Center for Multicultural Healthcenterformulticulturalhealth.org	
P Mi Centro micentrowa.org	253.572.7717
S Chinese Information & Service Centercisc-seattle.org	
Consejo Counseling & Referral Service	
© El Centro de la Raza <u>elcentrodelaraza.org</u>	206.717.0084
S Filipino Community of Seattle	.206.722.9372
(S Helping Link/Mot dau Noihelpinglink.org	.206.568.5160
(8) Horn of Africa Serviceshoas.org 206.7	60.0550 x 104
Jewish Family Service jfsseattle.org	
(8) La Esperanzalaesperanzahcs.org	
S Refugee and Immigrant Services NW <u>risnw.org</u>	
(\$\sigma\$) Therapeutic Health Services ths-wa.org	
3 Tulalip Tribes <u>tulaliptribes-nsn.gov</u>	
United Indians of All Tribes unitedindians.org	.206.285.4425

WAPI Community Services...... wapiseattle.org 844.987.9274

Education



Did you know that with support from parents/guardians, students can opt-out of standardized testing in Washington State?

Many teens have difficulties at school that are outside of their control and need more support for their education than what they can get at school. These agencies can provide a wide range of services to help support young people with their education goals, including tutoring, testing for learning disabilities, support for English Language Learners (ELL), and alternatives to traditional graduation, such as the General Education Development (GED) test. Open Doors Programs (OSPI) provide graduation and GED support to people up to 21 years old.

You can call your local 211 for referrals in addition to contacting any of the following organizations:

<u>elcentrodelaraza.org</u>
S Goodwill Everett Job Training & Education Center 425.267.9718 everetthelplink.org/everett-south-job-training-education-center
Soodwill King County Job Training & Education Center 206.860.5791 seattlegoodwill.org/job-training-and-education
October 19 Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region 253.573.6500 goodwillwa.org/training/youth
Greater Seattle Bureau of Fearless Ideas
(3) IGrad
Program for youth who have left school or are considering leaving
© Learning Disabilities Association of WA425.882.0820 ldawa.org

risnw.org

Northwest Education Access seattleeducationaccess.org	.206.523.6200
K YMCA of Greater Seattle	.206.749.7550
seattleymca.org GED services	

Additional services may also be available through your local library

King County Library System	1.800.462.9600
kcls.org	
Seattle Public Library System	206.386.4636
spl.org	

§ Sno-Isle Libraries (Snohomish & Island Counties)....360.651.7000 sno-isle.org

Employment and Job Training



americorps.gov

Did you know that people under the age of 18 can work under the following conditions while at school: 14-15 years old up to 3 hours on a school day. 16-17 years old up to 4 hours on a school day?

©PS AmeriCorps National Service......1.800.942.2677

Bellevue Parks and Community Services - Well-KEPT425.452.4195
Page Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound253.502.4640
<u>bgcsps.org</u>
<u>elcentrodelaraza.org</u>
<u>farestart.org</u>
Offers job training for youth without shelter
⚠ Job Corps800.733.5627
<u>jobcorps.gov</u>
Reconnect to Opportunity206.263.8244
reopp.org/career-launchpad
Youth ages 16-24
Seattle Youth Employment Program206.386.1375
seattle.gov/humanservices/services-and-programs/preparing-
youth-for-success/syep
P The REACH Center253.573.6590
<u>reachtacoma.org</u>
ß Tilth Alliance Youth Garden Works206.633.0451 x 900
<u>tilthalliance.org</u>
Control Teens in Public Service 206.985.4647
<u>teensinpublicservice.org</u>
K WA State Dept. of Labor & Industries – Teen Workers Information
<u>lni.wa.gov/workplacerights/teenworkers</u>

§ SnoCo Futuresworksourceonline.com/jobseeker/youth.html	425.374.8351
KPS Year Upyearup.org	206.441.4465
Youth ages 18-24	
S You Grow Girlyougrowgirl.org	206.417.9904
YouthForceteenjobs.org	206.436.1843
§ Youth Aerospace Program Goodwill Marysville evergreengoodwill.org/job-training-and-education programs/youth-aerospace/	

LGBTQIA+



LGBTQIA+ youth who have reported having at least one accepting adult in their life were 40% less likely to have reported a recent suicide attempt.

THE TREVOR PROJECT

Man The Traver Project

Questioning one's gender and sexual identity is a normal part of adolescence and growing up. Finding supportive people and groups can be difficult. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) people are frequent targets of discrimination, violence, and bullying/harassment. The resources below provide a safe environment, understanding, and information. They also promote gender and sexual acceptance.

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translifeline.org Crisis Line for those who are trans, struggling with their gender identity	th, or questioning
(§ Youth Eastside Services – B-Gladyoutheastsideservices.org/services/community-	
SUPPORT GROUPS	
GLOBE globeyouth.com	425.242.6188
Kent Youth & Family Services (OKAY! Suppokyfs.org/lgbtq	ort Group)
§ PFLAG-Snohomish Countypflageverett.org	
Oasis Youth Center oasisyouthcenter.org	253.671.2838



rainbowcntr.org

Rainbow Center

"During my transition, I had questions I couldn't ask anyone. Teen Link helped me without judgment."

-TEEN LINK CALLER

253.383.2318

People with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 guarantees equal access in employment, public accommodation, transportation, telecommunications, and state and local government. Call the numbers below for support, referrals, or information about available services.

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS) 206.812.1001 http://adwas.org
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© © © ® Brain Injury Alliance of WA ♥
© Center for Children with Special Needs
? Center for Independence
S Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs 425.339.8652 snohd.org/268/Children-With-Special-Needs
©©© Disability Rights
♦ © S Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center ○ 206.323.5770 hsdc.org
Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities253.564.0707 pc2online.org
60 WA Elks Therapy Program for Children253.472.6223 waelks.net
© S WA State Dept. of Services for the Blind1.800.552.7103 dsb.wa.gov
(₹) Vadis ♥
© S ® Wraparound/WISe ♥
(§ Disability Empowerment Center

Volunteer and Recreation Opportunities



Did you know that people with high school leadership experience are paid up to 33% more than those without it? This wage premium is similar to one associated with a college degree.

HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

familiesunlimitednetwork.org/volunteer

Foodbank and after-school program volunteer opportunities

Volunteer work can especially benefit teens wanting to broaden their horizons, meet new friends, experience different cultures, or learn a new language, all while contributing to society's needs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

® ® Boys & Girls Clubs of WA State ™ washingtonclubs.org After-school and summer camp/ activities volunteer	
Camp Fire Central Puget Sound	206.461.8550
P Camp Fire Orca	253.597.6234
? Camp Fire WoHeLo Centercampfireorca.org/outreach-services	253.597.6234
S Camp Fire Snohomish Countycampfiresnoco.org/camp	425.258.5437
(Sity of Mercer Island mercerisland.gov/yfs	206.275.7755
S CORE (Creating Open Roads to Equity)youthcare.org	206 694-4500
Connect to a variety of community volunteer opport Maricorps	tunities
americorps.gov/serve	
P Families I Inlimited Network	253 <u>4</u> 60 313 <u>4</u>

®PS® Boys & Girls Clubs of WA State ♥360.731.7268 washingtonclubs.org
After-school and summer programs © © © © Sibling Strong
Summer camp program to reunite siblings in foster care Coyote Central206.323.7276 coyotecentral.org
Applied learning through skills-based workshops ©©©® Garfield Teen Life Center
(8) S (9) Girl Scouts of Western WA
girlscoutsww.org Tacoma Urban League
Kent Youth & Family Services253.859.0300
kyfs.org Operates multiple youth centers in the Kent area 3050 Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) 425-587-3300 ymcaktub.org
Teen resource center
(§ Old Firehouse Teen Center
Nowerful Voices 206.860.1026 http://powerfulvoices.org
Cultural enrichment, employment, and advocate programs for young WOC © S ® Reader's Circlexxx.xxxx
readerscircle.org Online book clubs
§ Sanctuary Art Center
Art drop-in center focused on street-involved youth, ages 13-25 Classes, camps/activities, and centers for community engagement
§ Seattle Parks & Recreation 206.684.4075 seattle.gov/parks
Classes, camps/activities, and centers for community engagement
② Tacoma Youth Theatre

The Club Teen Center bgcbellevue.org/programs/teens	425.429.3203
firstteesouthpugetsound.org/programs	
Golf youth programs/activities	
	206.749.7550
P YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties 💙	253.841.9622
ymcapkc.org	
YMCA of Snohomish County ymca-snoco.org	425.337.0123
snohomishwa.gov/691/Youth-Council	
Local government youth council programs	
S Youth Enrichment Services	convices
snohomishcountywa.gov/3645/youth-enrichment. Resources and programs for court-involved youth	-Sel vices
Nouth in Focus	206.723.1479
youthinfocus.org	200./23.14/9
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Art and photography education courses and camps

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