

WHERE TO TURN

2023-2024 English & Spanish Teenlink help line: 866-833-6546



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. Teen Link also provides substance use support and access to crisis specialists in the afternoons. 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. But 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 As a result, she became withdrawn and isolated - leaving her vulnerable to the abuse.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: 866-833-6546

Get more info or get involved: teenlink.org

Crisis Connections Programs





24-Hour Crisis Line 866-427-4747



washington recovery help line 866-789-1511



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search.wa211.org

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 WTTFT 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 quicker.

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

King County
 S Snohomish County
 Pierce County
 All of Washington State

AGENCY AVAILABILITY & CHANGES

All resources were up to date as of June 2023. 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:

hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-healthmedicaid-coverage/transportation-services-non-emergency

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.



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Teen Link Help Line 866-833-6546

If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911

The goal of Teen Link is to empower youth and support healthy decision-making.

Teen Link is a confidential, non-judgmental telephone help line answered by teens each evening from 6–10pm. Teen volunteers are trained to listen to your concerns and talk with you about whatever is on your mind. No issue is too big or too small.

Phone workers also have access to an extensive database of resources and can give you information on agencies serving youth in Washington State and help with how to choose which one to use. After hours, callers have the option of talking to the WA Recovery Help Line, King County Crisis Line, or leaving a message on the Teen Link voicemail. When leaving a message, please include your name, phone number, and information about your concerns. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. To respect confidentiality, Teen Link phone workers will not leave a message when calling back unless you specify that it is okay to do so.

TEEN LINK CHAT & TEXT

Connect with **Teen Link Chat** through our website at teenlink.org or Teen Link Text by texting **866-833-6546**. Much like the phone line, teens can use Teen Link chat and text to seek support from our teen volunteers on a variety of issues, including bullying, drug and alcohol concerns, relationships, stress, and other issues. Teen Link accepts chats and texts from 6-9:30 pm, every day of the week. Teen Link Chat works best on a computer.

KING COUNTY 211

You can call **211** to find out more about health and human services throughout Washington State. To search for

988

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.

TEEN LINK SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION LINE

1-10 pm, 7 days a week

If a teen or an adult concerned about a teen has questions or concerns about alcohol and drug use, call, chat, or text to connect directly with a Teen Link Substance Use Prevention Clinician. Our clinicians can assist callers with strategies to prevent teen alcohol and drug use, access to drug education materials, referrals to treatment, organizing outreach, drug education clinics, and more. To reach us, simply call or text **866-833-6546** or **chat** by visiting <u>teenlink.org</u> and clicking on the chat page hyperlink.

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 or get more information, please call Crisis Connections at **206-333-8750**. These trainings can also be delivered virtually.

If you are interested in ordering copies of WTTFT or need to update agency information listed in this guide, please email info@crisisconnections.org or call **206-461-3210**.

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 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



ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE USE

Did you know that the percentage of teens reporting cigarette use is half of what it was a decade ago? On the other hand, vaping rates have increased significantly, and many people are uninformed about the health risks.

-2018 WA STATE HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY

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

In association with the WA Recovery Help Line, Teen Link provides help to teens struggling with alcohol, drugs, and gambling. Call **1.866.833.6546** or chat by going to teenlink.org and clicking on the Chat page hyperlink between 2–10 p.m. (M-F) to speak with our Substance Use Prevention Clinician or call the WA Recovery Help Line 24 hours a day at 1.866.789.1511.

COUNSELING/TREATMENT

Center for Human Services	
Center for Multicultural Health centerformulticulturalhealth.org	
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BOD Evergreen Council of Problem Gambli evergreencpg.org	ing800.547.6133
& King County Needle Exchange20 kingcounty.gov/needle	06.263.2000, opt. 2

COM North America Syringe Exchange Network nasen.org	253.272.4857
(C) Ryther	206 525 5050
http://ryther.org	
🔇 Sound	206.302.2300
<u>sound.health</u>	
Control Con	206.322.7676
	425.263.3006
(CPSW) Wraparound (WISe) hca.wa.gov Please see page 14 for program details	
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SUPPORT GROUPS	
🔇 Alateen & Alanon	206.625.0000
seattle-al-anon.org	
P Alateen & Alanon	1.800.726.8094
al-anon-pierce-wa.org	
GPS Alateen & Alanon dist23.org	425.348.7828
Alcoholics Anonymous	206.587.2838
seattleaa.org	
Puget Sound Alcoholics Anonymous pugetsoundaa.org	253.474.8897
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W Gamblers Anonymous	1.855.222.5542
gamblersanonymous.org	
©©© Marijuana Anonymous madistrict4.org	206.414.9270
Narcotics Anonymous <u>seattlena.org</u>	206.790.8888
Narcotics Anonymous	253.531.8792

pcana.org Severettwana.org WPSW Wraparound (WISe)

hca.wa.gov Please see page 14 for program details

425.609.6170

Counseling and Mental Health



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.

Compass Health	.844.822.7609
© Center for Human Services chs-nw.org/services/mental-health-counseling/	.206.362.7282
© Consejo Counseling & Referral Service consejocounseling.org Culturally competent behavior services for the Latinx community	206.461.4880 ral health
Greater Lakes Mental Health Care http://glmhc.org/	.253.581.7020
P Hope Sparks Family Services hopesparks.org	.253.565.4484
Friends of Youth <u>friendsofyouth.org</u>	425.392.6367

YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Kent Youth and Family Services kyfs.org/counseling/mental-health/	253.859.0300
Mercer Island Youth & Family Services miyfs.org	206.275.7611
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
Overhight State of Control State of C	425.485.6541
Pearl Counseling Associates pearlcounseling.com	253.752.1860
B Pioneer Counseling pioneerhumanservices.org/youth-programs	206.768.1990

Childhaven	425.271.5600
(I I S I S I I I I I I I I I I	206.525.5050
ryther.org	
YMCA Social Impact Center seattleymca.org/social-impact-center	206.382.5340
🔇 🕑 🛇 🖤 Sea Mar Community Health Center 🎔 🖻	seamar.org
Seattle Tacoma	
	425.312.0277
Sound	206.302.2300
sound.health	200.302.2300
Southeast Youth & Family Services	206.721.5542
Southwest Youth & Family Services	206.937.7680
O Therapeutic Health Services	206.322.7676
Valley Cities Behavioral Health Carevalleycities.org/mental-health-care	253.833.7444
Vashon Youth & Family Services	206.463.5511
Vou Grow Girl	206.417.9904
Youth Eastside Services	425.747.4937
Bellevue Parent/Teen Mediation Program	425.452.4091

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 <u>counselingwashington.com</u>
 Psychology Today <u>psychologytoday.com</u>

© © ® 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 <u>http://kingcounty.gov/wraparoundwise</u> to learn more about program eligibility. To re quest 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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(Therapeutic Health Services	
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P	Pierce County Wraparound/WISe	253.759.9544
G	Snohomish County Wraparound/WISe	425.349.8337

(K) 24-Hour Crisis Line
<u>crisisconnections.org/24-hour-crisis-line/</u>
CPSW National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
suicidepreventionlifeline.org
© S © Teen Link 1.866.TEENLINK (833.6546) teenlink.org
© S WA Warm Line

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.

COUNSELING

AND MENTAL HEALTH

Eating Disorders



EATING DISORDERS

Did you know that in the United States 30 million people suffer from a clinically significant eating disorder at some point in their lives?

-NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION

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.

©©© Center for Discovery
The Emily Program
© © S @ Eating Disorders Anonymous eatingdisordersanonymous.org
© © ⊙ © National Eating Disorders Association ♥ 1.800.931.2237 nationaleatingdisorders.org Education, advocacy, treatment and prevention, text 'NEDA' to 741741
© Opal Food & Body Wisdom
Overeaters Anonymous
S The Center - A Place of Hope

Grief and Loss



Did you know that 1 in 5 children will experience the death of someone close to them by age 18?

-JOURNAL OF DEATH AND DYING

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 that have been developed for individuals that are dealing with a loss:

Bridges Center for Grieving Children marybridge.org/services/bridges-center-for-grieving-center-f	
BPSW Support After Suicide <u>crisisco</u> Support for survivors of suicide loss	nnections.org
(2) Eluna elunanetwork.org Grief camps and programs	267.687.7724
Providence Grief Support Services washington.providence.org/locationsdirectory/g/pr grief-support-services-of-king-county	
Providence Grief Support Services washington.providence.org/locations-directory/g/p grief-support-services-of-snohomish-county	
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Wild Grief	.360.358.3213 eir 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.

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S Community Health Center of Snohomish County 425.789.3789 chcsno.org)
Neighborhood Clinic	}
Safe Harbor Free Clinic	ļ

CONSULTING NURSE LINE

🚯 Evergreen Health	425.899.3000 Opt. 2
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DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH - SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

🔇 Columbia Public Health	206.296.4650
🔇 Downtown Public Health	206.477.8300
C Eastgate Public Health	206.477.8000

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.

Sexual Health



Did you know that over 20% of teens in the U.S. get pregnant at least once by the age of 20? Many of these pregnancies are unplanned, bearing health and socioeconomic risks for teens and their communities.

-THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

BIRTH CONTROL AND PREGNANCY

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.

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Cedar River Clinic
© Center for Multicultural Health
Maternal Child Outreach Team (MCOT)253.649.1629 tpchd.org/healthy-people/family-health
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BOSW Help Me Grow parenthelp123.org	1.800.322.2588
(Teen Pregnancy & Parenting Clinic	
Step by Step Family Support Center	

stepbystepfamily.org Teen clinics at public health

K	Seattle-King County Teen Clinics	
te	<u>enclinic.com</u>	
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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:

🔇 Auburn Public Health	
🔇 Eastgate Public Health	
🔇 Federal Way Public Health	
🔇 Kent Public Health	

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
Center for Multicultural Health	
Community Health Care	

S Community Health Center of Snohomish County 425.789.3789 chcsno.org
Entre Hermanos
Gay City
C Lifelong AIDS Alliance
Neighborcare Health
Pierce County Aids Foundation (PCAF)
Planned Parenthood. 1.800.769.0045 plannedparenthood.org 1.800.769.0045
Public Health STD Clinic at Harborview
800.666.1250 safer STD Testing
®©S ® SeaMar Community Health Centers ♥seamar.org
© S Soohomish Health District STD/HIV Program425.339.5261 snohd.org/185/Sexually-Trasmitted-Diseases
 P Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department \$\cond{2}\$
Who Does What" for STD/HIV ♥

See also physical health concerns on page 16

Suicide and Self-Harm (Non-Suicidal Injury)



SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM (NON-SUICIDAL SELF-INJURY)

Did you know that there are almost two suicide deaths every week for people under the age of 19 in Washington State?

-WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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 are some initial steps toward ongoing mental health care. Every situation regarding suicide is different. Call Teen Link at **1.866.833.6546** to talk to a trained phone worker in more detail about how to get help. If Teen Link lines are not open and you need immediate crisis intervention services or want to talk to someone right away, these are numbers you can call:

Q 24-Hour Crisis Line
©©S♥ Boys Town National Hotline ♡1.800.448.3000 yourlifeyourvoice.org
Children's Crisis Response Outreach Service (CCORS) ♥206.461.3222 seattleymca.org/accelerator/familysupport/ccors
Scrisis Outreach Team (MCOT) - Compass Health♥1.800.584.3578 compasshealth.org/services/mcot
Crisis Text Line
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®₽S♥National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ♡

 OSWNational Suicide Prevention Lifeline Español♥1.800.628.9454 Pierce County Crisis Line ♥	
PO Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide <u>ptsusa.org</u>	
PG@ The Trevor Project	
anslifeline.org	J
Volunteers of America Western WA ♥1.800.584.3578 mhurting.org	
4/7 Crisis phone line and chat	

SELF-HARM (NON-SUICIDAL SELF-INJURY)

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 than to 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 **1.866.833.6546**. In addition to the helplines listed above, the following resources can help provide support and referrals:

Adolescent Self Injury Foundation adolescentselfinjuryfoundation.com
Self-Injury Outreach & Support
CPSW To Write Love on Her Arms
twloha.com Online resource and support page

SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM (NON-SUICIDAL SELF-INJURY)

Abuse and Maltreatment of Minors



Did you know that in some states "maltreatment" refers to neglect and abandonment and the term "abuse" is for acts that cause injury?

Approximately five children die every day due to abuse.

Individuals under 18 are at an increased risk of experiencing abuse and maltreatment 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 and maltreatment of a minor is behavior or neglect that poses substantial risk of harm to a child or to 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 maltreatment. It may be especially difficult to obtain evidence for neglect and to address it. No minor deserves to experience abuse or maltreatment.

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⁽²⁾ Mary Bridge's Child Abuse Intervention Department253.403.1478 marybridge.org/services/child-abuse-intervention-department-caid/
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Bullying and Cyberbullying



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

-STOPBULLYING.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 741741	<u>crisistextline.org</u>
PFLAG WA State Council Youth/ anti-bullying resources for LGBTQ youth	
STOMP Out Bullying Online resource center and chat help line	stompoutbullying.org
Washington State ACLU adu-wa.org/pages/haras Information about bullying and reporting in Was	

Dating and Domestic Violence



DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENC

Did you know that 77% of rapes are committed by someone who is knowr to the survivor?

SIX COMMON TYPES INCLUDE

of dating abuse and unhealthy behaviors.

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

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ABUSER CAN INCLUDE

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

- · 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, 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.

(3 P S Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS). 206.812.1001 adwas.org
[®] Asian/Pacific Islander Chaya [™]
ODAWN-Domestic Abuse Women's Network
O DV Hopeline
Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse ♥
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⁽³⁾ Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline866.331.9474 or Text Loveis to 22522 <u>loveisrespect.org</u> Serves South King County
YWCA Pierce Countyxxx.xxx ywcapiercecounty.org
OOS YWCA Children's Domestic Violence Program877.757.8297 ywcaworks.org/programs/gender-based-violence-specialized- services

Legal Services and Community Support for Youth



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.

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(SYMCA Social Impact Centerseattleymca.org/social-impact-center

ANGER MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL USE

🚯 Powerful Voices	206.860.1026
powerfulvoices.org	
🔞 Safe Futures Youth Center	206.938.9606
<u>sfyc.net</u>	

GANG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

253.272.6824
253.841.9622
425.337.0123
206.417.9904
425.747.4937

LEGAL SERVICES

Human and civil rights protect people long before they turn 18

nwjustice.org

Please see page 14 for program details

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Rape and Sexual Harassment/Assault



RAPE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT

Did you know that every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted?

-RAINN

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.

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multicare.org/sexual-assault-services	

rainn.org

PRebuilding Hope! Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County...... 1.800.756.7273

sexualassaultcenter.com

http://sexualassaultcenter.com/step 1in6.org Education and resources for male survivors of sexual assault Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS) ... 206.812.1001 adwas.org apichava.org Resources for rape & sexual harassment / assault dawsonplace.org Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress 206.744.1600 hcsats.org C King County Sexual Assault Resource Center 425.226.5062 1.888.99.VOICE(86423) (recorded information) kcsarc.org

S Legacy of Healing - Advocacy Center & Safe House 360.716.4100

tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/dept/legacyofhealing

(30) WA Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs 1.855.210.2087 wcsap.org/help/csap-by-city

Shelter, Food and Hygiene



SHELTER, FOOD AND HYGIENE

Did you know that young people leaving the foster care system are more likely than their peers to experience homelessness?

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.

BDSW 211	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 management, and other services are available to help youth take of themselves and get off the streets.

Camp Fire Orca <u>campfireorca.org/outreach-services</u> Outreach and support for youth ages 12-21	253.597.6234
S Cocoon House	425.259.5802
S Compass Health compasshealth.org	425.349.6800
Comprehensive Life Resources comprehensiveliferesources.org	253.396.5800
Sriends of Youth friendsofyouth.org Outreach and Intake	425.869.6490
Roson New Horizons Ministries <u>nhmin.org</u>	206.374.0866

Oasis Youth Center	
basisyouthcenter.org	
Pierce County Alliance	
piercecountyalliance.org/youth-services	
ochomeless.org/facilities/daycenters	
ROOTS Young Adult Shelter	
ootsinfo.org	
outh ages 18-25	
3 Street Youth Ministries	
symseattle.org /outh ages 13-26	
0	252 202 4402
Tacoma Rescue Mission	
rm.org/youth	200 520 2002
Oniversity District Youth Center outhcare.org/homeless-youth-services	
	206 202 5240
YMCA Social Impact Center seattleymca.org/social-impact-center	
VouthCare – The Shelter	1 000 405 7002
outhcare.org	1.000.495.7002
outh ages 12-17	
YWCA Emergency Shelter	206 461 4882
wcaworks.org	
Vomen over 18	

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 wait lists 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.

KPSW 211	21	1
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.

(S King County Regional Access Points

Seattle	
Federal Way	
Renton	
North King County	
East King County	

OTHER HELPFUL SERVICES

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RPSW National Safe Place (24-hour) <u>nationalsafeplace.org</u>	
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.	
OOS OON Northwest Harvest 1.800.722.6924 Northwestharvest.org Food Bank with 375 locations in Washington	
(§ Teen Feed (7 nights/week)	
Su,M,F @ University Lutheran Church, 1604 NE 50th St, Seattle NE 50th & 16th NE, youth use the red doors on NE 50th St; Tu,W,Th @ University Congregational Church, 4515 16th Ave NE 16th NE & NE 45th, enter down the cement steps; Saturday @ ROOTS Young Adult Shelter, 1415 Ne 43rd St Seattle – Alley at NE 43rd & 15th NE, enter through the blue door.	

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
P Asia Pacific Cultural Center asiapacificculturalcenter.org	253.383.3900
8 Asian/Pacific Islander Chaya asiapacificculturalcenter.org	253.383.3900
(3 P Catholic Community Services Southwest	206.323.6336
Center for Multicultural Health	
P Mi Centro micentrowa.org	253.572.7717
Chinese Information & Service Center	
Consejo Counseling & Referral Service consejocounseling.org	
Centro de la Raza <u>elcentrodelaraza.org</u> Filipino Community of Seattle filcommsea.org	206.722.9372
8 Helping Link/Mot dau Noi helpinglink.org	206.568.5160
K Horn of Africa Services hoas.org 206.7	60.0550 x 104
K Jewish Family Servicejfsseattle.org	206.461.3240
KS La Esperanza <u>laesperanzahcs.org</u>	
S Refugee and Immigrant Services NWrisnw.org	425.388.9307
(KS) Therapeutic Health Services	206.322.7676
S Tulalip Tribes tulaliptribes-nsn.gov	360.716.4000
United Indians of All Tribes unitedindians.org	
WAPI Community Services wapiseattle.org	844.987.9274

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Education

EDUCATION



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

-OPT OUT WASHINGTON

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:

C El Centro de la Raza elcentrodelaraza.org	206.717.0084
Goodwill Everett Job Training & Education Center everetthelplink.org/everett-south-job-training-education	
Goodwill King County Job Training & Education Center . seattlegoodwill.org/job-training-and-education	206.860.5791
P Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region goodwillwa.org/training/youth	.253.573.6500
© Greater Seattle Bureau of Fearless Ideas fearlessideas.org After-school tutoring & creative writing workshops	206.725.2625
© iGrad	. 253.373.4723
Program for youth who have left school or are conside	ering leaving
(Learning Disabilities Association of WA Idawa.org	.425.882.0820
S Refugee & Immigrant Services NW risnw.org	425.388.9307

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

Additional services may also be available through your local library

King County Library System kcls.org	1.800.462.9600
Seattle Public Library System	
Pierce County Library System	
piercecountylibrary.org Sono-Isle Libraries (Snohomish & Island Count	ties)360.651.7000

sno-isle.org

Employment and Job Training



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?

COS AmeriCorps National Service
K Bellevue Parks and Community Services - Well-KEPT425.452.4195
P Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound
S El Centro de la Raza ♥
Sarestart
Offers job training for youth without shelter
S Goodwill Marysville Job Training & Education Center360.657.4058 TEXT 206.510.5689
3 Job Corps800.733.5627
jobcorps.gov
S Reconnect to Opportunity
© Seattle Youth Employment Program
The REACH Center
(8) Tilth Alliance Youth Garden Works
© Teens in Public Service
W A State Dept. of Labor & Industries – Teen Workers Information Ini.wa.gov/workplacerights/teenworkers

SnoCo Futures	425.374.8351
worksourceonline.com/jobseeker/youth.html	
KPS Year Up	206.441.4465
<u>yearup.org</u>	
Youth ages 18-24	
🔇 You Grow Girl	206.417.9904
<u>yougrowgirl.org</u>	
K YouthForce	206.436.1843
teenjobs.org	

LGBTQIA+ 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

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.

ROSON The Trevor Project thetrevorproject.org Text 'Start' to 678-678	1.866.488.7386
😢 Gay City	206.323.LGBT
<u>gaycity.org</u> LGBTQIA+ resources and referral help line	
Kealth Education Youth Outreach (HEYO) lifelong.org	
Community building to empower LGBTQIA+ youth of	and destigmatize HIV
Ingersoll Gender Center ingersollgendercenter.org Transgender support	
Kambert House lamberthouse.org	
Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesb of Abuse <u>nwnetwork.org</u>	
Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG Seattle Chapter) pflagseattle.org	

K	Queer Trans Youth	Music Project (QTYMP)
qt	ymp.org	

LGBTQIA+ led music, empowerment, and social justice programs

translifeline.org

Crisis Line for those who are trans, struggling with, or questioning their gender identity

voutheastsideservices.org/services/community-based/bglad

SUPPORT GROUPS

S GLOBE
8 Kent Youth & Family Services (OKAY! Support Group) kyfs.org/lgbtq
S PFLAG-Snohomish County pflageverett.org
P Oasis Youth Center
S D S W Rainbow Center

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.

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© S S Brain Injury Alliance of WA ♥
() Center for Children with Special Needs
 P Center for Independence
S Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs425.339.8652 snohd.org/268/Children-With-Special-Needs
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᠙ ○ ● Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center ♥
Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities253.564.0707 pc2online.org
© S WA Elks Therapy Program for Children253.472.6223 waelks.net
COS WA State Dept. of Services for the Blind 1.800.552.7103 dsb.wa.gov
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Employment support for people with disabilities & facing homelessness © O O O Wraparound/WISe •

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

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

②②③ Boys & Girls Clubs of WA State ♥ washingtonclubs.org After-school and summer camp/ activities volunteer pro-	ograms
© Camp Fire Central Puget Sound campfireseattle.org Leadership camps, activities, and workshops	0
Camp Fire Orca campfireorca.org	253.597.6234
S Camp Fire Snohomish County campfiresnoco.org/camp	425.258.5437
Scity of Mercer Island mercerisland.gov/yfs	206.275.7755
youthcare.org	206 694-4500
Connect to a variety of community volunteer opportune MeriCorps	ities
Families Unlimited Network familiesunlimitednetwork.org/volunteer Foodbank and after-school program volunteer opportu	
	253.514.0187

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Teen Link
Community outreach and awareness for teens needing emotional support & The Vera Project
theveraproject.org Theater, music, and art volunteering opportunities
8 United Way King County
United Way Pierce County
S Volunteers of America Western Washington 425.259.3191 voaww.org/volunteer
8 Wilderness Inner-City Leadership Developments (WILD)206.623.5132 interimicda.org/whatwedo/wild
Environmental justice, gardening, and activism volunteer opportunities
Young Women Empowered
YMCA of Greater Seattle ♥
Community and service corps programs/volunteer activities
CONTRA 206.461.4888
ywcaworks.org
Community service & volunteer program
& Woodland Park Zoo Volunteer Program206.548.2450 zoo.org/volunteer
If you would like to learn a new skill or participate in a group program, camps and workshops are a great way to get engaged and build meaningful relationships. Listed below are community and recreation centers, drop-in groups, classes, and sports leagues for youth, located throughout the Puget Sound area.
S ArtSpotStudio

artspotstudio.net/tweenteen-workshops Art camps/workshops for age 10-18 (all ability levels)

Bicycle repair classes, riding clubs, camps, and giveaways

Tacoma Urban League	OPPORTUNITIES
Kent Youth & Family Services	RTU
<u>yfs.org</u> Dperates multiple youth centers in the Kent area	H
PSW Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) 425-587-3300 mcaktub.org een resource center	S
Old Firehouse Teen Center	
Powerful Voices	
<u>http://powerfulvoices.org</u> Tultural enrichment, employment and advocate programs for young WOC	
Reader's Circle	
Sanctuary Art Center	
<u>anctuaryartcenter.org</u> rt drop-in center focused on street-involved youth, ages 13-25 ˈlasses, camps/activities, and centers for community engagement	
Seattle Parks & Recreation	
eattle.gov/parks Tasses, camps/activities, and centers for community engagement	
Tacoma Youth Theatre	
acomayouththeatre.org	47

Summer camp program to reunite siblings in foster care

Applied learning through skills-based workshops

washingtonclubs.org

sibling-strong.org

covotecentral.org

Teen resource center

girlscoutsww.org

After-school and summer programs

bikeworks.org

VOLUNTEER AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

(%) The Club Teen Center bgcbellevue.org/programs/teens	.425.429.3203
Pirst Tee - South Puget Sound firstteesouthpugetsound.org/programs Golf youth programs/activities	
◎ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③ ③	
ℭ YMCA of Greater Seattle ♥ seattleymca.org	206.749.7550
PMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties ♥ ymcapkc.org	.253.841.9622
S YMCA of Snohomish County ymca-snoco.org	.425.337.0123
S Youth Council snohomishwa.gov/691/Youth-Council Local government youth council programs	
S Youth Enrichment Services snohomishcountywa.gov/3645/youth-enrichment-s Resources and programs for court-involved youth	ervices_
Vouth in Focus youthinfocus.org Art and photography education courses and camps	.206.723.1479

For more information regarding other recreation options, contact your local parks and recreation department.

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