

q^wáy st — We speak

If Your Child or Teen Discloses Difficult Information to You, Here are Some Helpful Guidelines:

- Stay as calm as possible.
- Find a private place to talk.
- LISTEN to what your child is saying.
- Assure that you believe him/her.
- Assure your child that telling you was the right thing to do.
- Let your child explain in his/her own words. Do not question or tell them what to say.
- Let your child tell what he/she is comfortable talking about at this time, without added pressure.
- Be non-judgmental of your child and his/her abuse.
- Let your child know that he/she is not in trouble.
- Let your child know that you will take care of him/her.
- Let your child know that you must report what happened in order to keep him/her safe.
- Make sure your child understands that the abuse was not his/her fault.
- Let your child know that he/she can always come to you.

Services for Adults

If you have experienced any abuse from your childhood, or recently, please contact us.

We are here to help!

All lives matter and deserve healing.

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We help each other

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is here to help child and teen victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect, and their non-offending family members and/or caregivers. Our services are provided **free of charge** and are **equally available to all clients** regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, religion, disability of any kind, language barriers, or ethnicity. If you would like to speak with an advocate about the CAC or any of our other services, please contact us or come to our office during regular business hours.

Jamestown S'Klallam Children's Advocacy Center

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24 hour Crisis line:

360-452-HELP

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sqʷáyqʷiʔt — *Our Story*

We are committed to providing services that are guided by our traditional and cultural values. Our nəxʷsłáyəm' (S'Klallam) Ancestors taught us that **our People are sacred**. Men, women, and children had, *and still have*, special roles in how they contribute to the Tribe. All lives are precious; from birth to death we must protect all lives.

The Tribe, in partnership with Healthy Families of Clallam County, was awarded grant funding to build and operate our own Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) to serve East Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Our CAC shares national accreditation with Healthy Families of Clallam County, an organization that has been serving the North Olympic Peninsula in Port Angeles since 2015. **Moreover, our services will keep our cultural values in mind.** We believe in healing the whole person; we can provide a service, refer to another service provider, or suggest services to address spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional healing.

Addressing domestic violence, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect is difficult. It is emotionally and spiritually discouraging, but we must focus on healing individuals and families. Abuse is not our traditional way, and it does not define us. We must not be afraid. We are the nəxʷsłáyəm' (Strong People).

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What is a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)?

A Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) provides a safe environment for child and teen victims of neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse to be interviewed. The interviewer is sensitive to the needs of children and teens and is specially trained in conducting interviews in a non-leading, fact-finding way that is intended to not retraumatize the child or teen. The CAC also provides immediate on-site support services for the child, teen, and non-offending family members and/or caregivers.

While the child is interviewed, the entire interview may be observed by members of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), who are in a separate room. The MDT is a core part of the work at CAC's. The MDT is made up of members of tribal and non-tribal agency staff. These staff members can include law enforcement, child protective services, Indian Child Welfare, a prosecuting attorney, medical professionals, victim advocates, and mental health professionals. The MDT works together to enhance investigation, prosecution, perpetrator accountability, and coordinating trauma-informed care, linking children, teens and their families to necessary services to begin and sustain the whole-person healing process.

Jamestown CAC

Services

Include:

- **Multiple-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Investigations:** A team of tribal and non-tribal professionals that can come together to find the best ways to address the needs of the child, teen, and non-offending family members.
- **Forensic Interviews:** A sensitive, and non-leading interview of the child or teen conducted by a specially-trained interviewer.
- **Advocacy:** Support, information, and referrals to help access needed services and to help families navigate the judicial system and the emotional distress.

Referrals May Include:

- **Medical Services:** Assessment and consultation by medical professionals specializing in services for child victims.
- **Mental Health Services:** Crisis intervention, support, and referral to specialized counseling resources.
- **Other Services:** We can refer to other providers to meet the whole-person need for healing.