

## What Are Children's Advocacy Centers?

Children's Advocacy Centers provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary response to victims of childhood abuse and their families. This response includes prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment and includes community partners who are experts in those areas.

Children's Advocacy Centers work to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse.

Monarch Children's Justice & Advocacy Center is one of more than 600 centers across the country that have replicated this nationally recognized model.



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## Partner Agencies

Department of Social and Health Services

Lacey Police Department

Olympia Police Department

Office of the Attorney General

Providence St. Peter Hospital Sexual Assault Clinic

Rainier Police Department

Safeplace

Tenino Police Department

Thurston County Prosecutor

Thurston County Public Health & Social Services

Tumwater Police Department

Yelm Police Department



United Way  
of Thurston County



Community Action Council of Lewis,  
Mason & Thurston Counties



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## Child Abuse - A Community Response



Monarch Children's Justice & Advocacy Center is part of this community's response to child abuse. Working together, we are determined to reduce, and eventually eliminate, child abuse and neglect in our community.

The majority of children receiving services at Monarch have been sexually abused. The statistics are alarming. One in four girls and one in six boys will be victims of sexual abuse prior to age 18. There is a good chance you know someone who has been sexually abused.

Sexual abuse impacts more children than any childhood disease, and it is happening in epidemic proportions.

No one wants to talk or think about sexual abuse of children - and that is part of the problem. Child sexual abuse is perpetuated through secrets and shame. It is time for the community to share responsibility for preventing and intervening in this serious problem.

### Services At Monarch

Monarch is a child-friendly, child-focused facility that serves children and families in this community. With our partner agencies, Monarch provides a wide range of services for victims of childhood abuse and neglect, and their families. In addition, Monarch provides community education and outreach to reduce the rate of child sexual abuse.

#### Family Advocate

A Family Advocate is available to assist non-offending parents and other caregivers access the support and services they need to be able to provide support for their child. Individual and group support is available.

#### Individual, Family, & Group Therapy

Therapeutic services including individual sessions and groups are available for children who have been victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending family members.

#### Forensic Interviews

Specially trained law enforcement personnel conduct forensic interviews at Monarch. Use of this location helps reduce the number of interviews needed by providing viewing by other members of the multidisciplinary team. The child-friendly setting helps reduce trauma to the child victim.

#### Medical Evaluations

Providence St. Peter Hospital's Sexual Assault Clinic is located onsite. Forensic medical evaluations are available by specially trained health practitioners.

### Victim/Witness Advocate

The Prosecuting Attorney's Special Victims Unit is located onsite. A Victim/Witness Advocate is available to assist victims and their families as they move through the process of prosecution.

### Prevention

Monarch provides training to professionals and community members on preventing child sexual abuse.

A three-hour training developed by the national organization **Darkness to Light**, is available through Monarch to organizations serving youths.

**Stewards of Children** is designed to raise awareness and help organizations reduce the risk of sexual victimization of children.

