



WHAT IS CJAC?

CJAC is the **Children's Justice & Advocacy Center**. It uses a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach for response to child abuse allegations and includes representation from the following agencies:

- Law Enforcement
- Child Protective services
- Prosecution
- Medical
- Mental Health
- Victim Advocacy



MISSION

To provide children who have experienced sexual or physical abuse a coordinated community approach to investigation, prosecution, and treatment that promotes their safety, healing, and well-being.



CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
&
ADVOCACY CENTER



105 ALLEN ST
KELSO WA 98626
Phone: 360-353-3933
Fax: 360-353-3498



OUR SERVICES

ADVOCACY

Children's Justice & Advocacy Center has dedicated advocates to provide support and information to children and their family after abuse has been disclosed.

Some examples of things that advocates can assist with are:

- Support the family at various appointments such as court appearances, medical appointments and anything related to the child's healing
- Meeting with the family and explaining the process
- Help coordinate appointments & assist with paperwork
- Individual advocacy appointments & crisis intervention
- Help families get connected with community resources such as therapy, housing, transportation, domestic violence intervention, child

CONTACT INFO

CJAC
 360-353-3933
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 360-577-3080
CPS
 360-501-2600

We believe that children have the right to be properly cared for and protected from violence, abuse, and neglect.

When there is an allegation of child abuse, and an investigation is initiated, **Law Enforcement or CPS** can make a referral to the Children's Justice and Advocacy Center.

Our goals are:

- Reduce trauma to children and families
- Increase access to services for children and families
- Increase reliability and integrity of investigations

CHILD-FOCUSED RESPONSE

We provide a safe, neutral environment to help ensure that children are not further victimized by the systems designed to protect them. We provide complete separation of victims and alleged offenders to the maximum extent possible. Our coordinated team approach in one location helps reduce the number of appointments for the family and interviews for the child.

INTERVIEWER

A specially trained interviewer will talk with the child in a child-friendly area. Other members of the team (CPS, Prosecutor, Law Enforcement) will observe the interview. This will increase consistency & reliability throughout the investigation and testimony process.