



Rebuilding Hope!

Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County

101 E 26th Street, Ste. 200

Tacoma, WA 98421

Office: 253-597-6424

24-Hour Hotline: 253-474-7273

From HWY 16 (Eastbound) - Take I-5 N Exit on Left to City Ctr/I-705N/Seattle. Take I-705N/WA-7 Exit to City Ctr/Pacific Ave. Exit Left to Tacoma Dome/E 26th St. Turn Left onto E 26th St. 101 E 26th Street located on Right.

From I-5 Northbound/Southbound—Merge onto I-5 Take WA-7S/I-705N Exit, Exit 133 to City Ctr. Take E 26th St Exit to Tacoma Dome. Turn Left onto E 26th St. 101 E. 26th St will be on your Right.

Travelling by Bus—Take the Number 3 Lakewood/Tacoma to Bus and get off at Tacoma Ave. & 25th St. Drop. Proceed to walk.04 miles to 101 E 26th Street. We are located at the Erickson, McGovern Architects Building/Tacoma Armour Building that red brick on the outside.



City of Tacoma

W A S H I N G T O N

Rebuilding Hope!

The Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County
Support » Heal » Educate » Prevent
Helping the Community
STOP Sexual Abuse

Hours of Operation

Day	Hours
Monday	8:30am - 5:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am - 5:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am - 5:30pm
Thursday	8:30am - 5:30pm
Friday	By Appointments Only
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

YES to Hope! Hotline

253-444-5351

24/7 Crisis & Information Hotline

253-474-7273

800-756-7273

If you have questions about the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) or would like to contact the Community

Advocate, please write to:

YESToHope@hopesacpc.org

The Sexual Assault Center is an independent non-profit agency that has been serving members of the Pierce County community since 1975. For more information about Rebuilding Hope!, please visit our website at:

www.sexualassaultcenter.com



United Way
of Pierce County

REBUILDING **HOPE!** SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER for PIERCE COUNTY

YES to Hope!

Youth Empowerment Services

SERVING COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND CHILDREN



What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation?

Sexual exploitation is any exchange of sex acts for money, gifts, drugs, or basic needs (such as food and shelter), which can include *sex trafficking* and take the form of survival sex, prostitution, stripping, dancing, phone sex, web cams, and other forms of commercial sex trade.

The Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (18 U.S.C. § 1591) defines the crime of human trafficking as :

"The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act where such an act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age."

- A commercial sex act is defined as any act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person, including:
- Prostitution (gang-based or not)
 - Exotic dancing/Stripping
 - Sex tourism
 - Any transactional sex with a minor (under age 18)
 - Pornography/web cam
 - Erotic/nude massage

Who is at Risk for Commercial Sexual Exploitation?

Who is at risk for exploitation?

- » Predators seek out those who are already vulnerable, making homeless youths and runaways prime targets.
- » Individuals who are often marginalized by society—youth of color, LGBTQ youth, low-income young people—are also at increased risk.

Estimates show:

- » The average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14; many young adults become involved as minors.
- » 90% of exploited youth have a prior history of abuse, neglect, and/or sexual trauma.

» Exploitation affects young men, young women and transgender youth.

Additional Resources

Real Escape from the Sex Trade (serves all ages)

24-Hr Hotline: 206-451-REST (7378)

Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network

(serves all forms of human trafficking)

Victim Assistance Line: 206-245-0782

24-Hr National Hotline: 1-888-3737-8888

Pierce County Crisis Triage Line

1-800-576-7764

National Suicide Crisis Hotline

1-800-784-2433

Tacoma Police Department/Pierce Co. Sheriff

NON-Emergency Line

253-798-4721 (#1)

YES to Hope! Services General Advocacy

Our advocacy services are centered on encouraging the empowerment of victims and survivors of sexual violence during their healing journey. Advocacy is available through the 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral line that can be called by victims at any time. Highly trained and empathetic Advocates operate this line and offer general support advocacy services to those immediate needs of sexual assault victims, as well as Medical and Legal advocacy services when victims struggle to navigate through often intimidating medical and legal processes.

The Advocacy Program is provided FREE of charge to any victim/survivor of sexual assault or abuse and their friends and family. The sexual assault may have been a recent occurrence, in the past or even childhood. Advocates help sexual assault victims determine what services can help them and how they can be accessed while providing emotional support and guidance.

CSEC Community Advocacy

For youths and young adults who identify as having experienced Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) either in the present or past will be referred to a CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) Community Advocate who will provide case management and unconditional support as well as resources and referrals for medical, legal, therapeutic and social services across Pierce County.

This Community Advocate will provide consistent, non-judgmental support and belief to any individual who accesses Advocacy services through YES to Hope! These services can be accessed by clients at their time of choosing or by referral and can be refused by the client at any point in time. We believe all youths and young adults have the right to self-determination when it comes to choosing their path of healing and service provision when possible.

The goal of YES to Hope! is to enhance client services by actively connecting CSE victim/survivors with supportive systems in the community that can assist them by increasing safety and promoting self-sufficiency.