

Family Support and Specialized Parenting Services (including foster/adoption)

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CHANCE (Therapeutic Foster Care)	3834 South 19th Tacoma, WA 98405	Youth who have serious behavioral and emotional disorders.	CHANCE provides intensive treatment and residential care for seriously behaviorally and emotionally disordered youth who may require living outside of the family's home. Chance believes that youth learn best how to live safely if they are provided a safe family to live with while receiving intensive treatment and guidance from trained, caring adults.	For more information, contact (253) 396-5901.	CHANCE receives regular referrals through Pierce County's Collaboration for Shared Children Clinical Team. Requests are coordinated by Shared Child Team Coordinator at (253) 798-3793.	Free.
Children's Home Society	201 S. 34 th St. Tacoma, WA 98418	Children and families.	Foster-to-adopt services, including support groups for adoptive parents, grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren, birth mothers who gave up their babies for adoption, etc. Children's Home also offers parenting workshops, family outreach and support workers, and therapeutic play groups for children.	(253) 472-3355	Call Children's Home Society for more information regarding the specific program(s) that interests you.	Depends on the program. Some services are free; others have fees. Call for more information.
Durango Crisis Services	3834 South 19th Tacoma, WA 98405	Youth who are undergoing acute mental health crisis, have no safe place to live, or are in serious conflict with their family or community	Treatment and care for youth who are undergoing acute mental health crisis, have no safe place to live, or are in serious conflict with their family or community. The program provides up to 2 weeks of residential placement treatment services.	For more information, contact (253) 396-5901.	Crisis beds are obtained through the Family Reconciliation Services office of DSHS.	Free.

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Early Childhood Education-Clover Park TC	4500 Steilacoom Boulevard S.W. Lakewood, Washington 98499	Any parent in Pierce County with a young child between 1 month and 6 years.	Located at Clover Park Technical College. This is open to any parent in Pierce County. The program teaches the necessary skills and knowledge for the family to function as a healthy unit. Children from 1 month to 6 years of age accompany their parent(s) to the center and participate in an infant, toddler or pre-school program. Classes run from late September to the end of May and meet two days per week for 2 hours.	(253) 589-5574	For additional information and registration call the numbers listed under contact information.	For each of the 3 quarters, there is a small fee. An adjustment can be made in case of great need.
Faith Homes: Residential Group Homes	Faith Homes Office 3519 South 30 th St. Tacoma, WA 98409 Union Faith Home 1920 North Union Tacoma, WA 98406 Brentwood Faith Home 2416 Brentwood Place SE Lacey, WA 98503	Girls, ages 13-25, who have serious emotional and behavioral issues that prevent them from living with family or in a foster home. Also accepts a few boys for foster care. Clients generally must be wards of the state. Some private pay families accepted.	Union Faith Home and Brentwood Faith Home are state-licensed residential group homes for eight girls each. The programs are staffed 24 hours/day to reduce violent and delinquent behaviors, and to increase family interaction, academic progress, and self-esteem. Clients learn to control their behavior so that they can return to a less restrictive home. Also serves pregnant young women who have no where to turn.	Faith Homes Office: (253) 572-0458 Union Faith Home: (253)759-4363 Brentwood Faith Home: (360) 438-0576	Generally referred through DSHS. Call Faith Homes office to make an inquiry or referral.	Free. Wards of the state (girls in foster care) are paid for through DSHS. Some private pay families also accepted.

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Family Preservation - CCS	5410 N. 44 th St. Tacoma, WA 98407	Children and families in need.	Family Preservation is an integrated, intensive program within Catholic Community Services providing services using a "Wraparound" (Individualized and Tailored) approach. Services are designed for children/youth and families with multiple and complex needs, severe histories and who tend to be involved with multiple child-serving systems. The program provides an array of services defined by a Child and Family Team designed to strengthen families, address safety needs, and avoid unnecessary out-of-home placements. Services are comprehensive, focusing on prioritized goals in multiple life domains, and collaboratively incorporate all associated child and family serving systems. See website for more information: http://catholiccharitiesseattlearch.org	(253) 759-9544	Call for more information. There are a variety of services offered.	Wraparound services are funded through RSN and DCFS contracts.
Family Support and Education -CCS	Catholic Community Services, Tahoma Family Center 1323 S. Yakima Ave Tacoma, WA 98405	Parents or guardians.	This CCS program provides parenting training and support to participants from a family-child therapist and parent educator. Child care activities are also offered while parents are in class.	(253) 502-2695	Call the Center.	Free.
HOPE Shelter – Faith Homes	3519 South 30 th St. Tacoma, WA 98409	Teen girls in need of emergency housing.	Temporary housing for up to 30 days and help finding permanent housing.	(253) 572-0458	Call HOPE.	Free

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McKinley Family Support Center	3702 McKinley Ave. Tacoma, WA 98404 (on the McKinley Elementary School grounds)	All ages, with special emphasis on young children and families.	The Center offers a variety of services to ensure that every child can be ready to learn and grow, and to keep families healthy and intact. Services offered: community resource information; one-to-one support services; food/shelter/clothing assistance; counseling consultation and referral; parenting information and classes; public health nurse; family support workers; maternity support services.	(253) 571-2380	Call or stop by.	Free (unless otherwise stated for a specific service).
Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution	917 Pacific Ave. Suite 206 Tacoma, WA 98402	Youth and adults.	Mediation is a voluntary process in which impartial, trained mediators help parties negotiate their own agreement. Mediators have no authority to impose a settlement. They keep the focus on the issues identified by the parties. The PCCDR can help to resolve family disputes (relationships, childcare, medical bills, dissolutions, parenting plans, etc.) , teen/parent disputes (truancy, curfews, chores, privileges, clothing, boundaries, and conflicts), neighborhood conflicts (boundary lines, driveway use, barking dogs, fences, etc), landlord/tenant disputes (rent, deposits, repairs, noise, parking, evictions, etc.), and juvenile victim offender meetings (youth and their victims meet face-to-face to help restore the damage done to the victim and to the community).	Contact (253) 572-3657	1. Call the Center. A staff person will help you assess the problem. 2. If you ask for more help, the Center staff contact the other party and explain mediation. If the other party is willing, a session is scheduled. 3. The mediation session usually lasts 3-4 hrs. 4. Agreement between the parties is put in writing as an enforceable contract.	\$75 per party (This is less than the average court costs and attorney's fees.) Fee-adjustments for low-income.

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Proud African American Youth Society (PAAYS)	221 South 28 th Tacoma, WA 98402	Foster children, teens, women affected by domestic violence.	PAAYS licenses foster home and also has a staff residential foster home. They also support the Daisy Stallworth Domestic Violence program which is a support group for women, as well as a counseling referral service and also a civil legal advocacy program. PAAYS also has the Teens With Positive Attitudes program which educates middle school students on domestic violence and sexual assault issues via SPARX after-school programs	(253)572-1129 for general info and referral.	Call and someone will direct you to services that fit your need. Support group is held at St. John's Baptist Church every Thursday, 6-8 pm. Call for more info.	Free. Counseling referrals may have a fee.
Positive Steps Project-Tacoma Pierce County Health Department	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department 3629 South D St. Tacoma, WA 98148	Tacoma Public School students and their families.	Positive Steps offers families the opportunity to work through difficult issues, with the help of school district staff and health dept counselors. Specially trained counselors meet with the family, usually in the home. Appointment times are usually in the late afternoon, early evening, or whenever is convenient for the family.	Health Dept Contact: (253) 798-3539	1. School staff member contacts family and explains program. 2. Family decides to participate and gives consent for school to contact Health Dept. 3. Health Dept counselor contacts family and sets a time to get together. 4. Family and counselor meet	Free.
Relatives Raising Children, Pierce County	Family Counseling Service Center of Tacoma and Pierce County 6424 North 9 th St. Tacoma, WA 98406	Relatives raising children.	Support groups, information, and advocacy. Tacoma support group every 4 th Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on 19 th and Union. Child care is available.	(253) 565-4484, ext. 104	Call for information or to sign up for a support group.	Free.

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Tahoma Indian Center -CCS	Tahoma Indian Center: 1556 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98405 Downtown Tacoma,	Low-income and homeless Native Peoples.	The center supports Native Peoples in need with a safe, warm, and drug-and-alcohol-free environment. The purpose of the Center is to "restore and sustain the dignity and culture of Urban Native Americans in Pierce County."	(253)593-2707	Call for further info.	Free. Call for details.