



## Obtaining Information on the Status of Your Case Following Children's Center Assessment

After your child or teen's appointment at Children's Center, information about the assessment is forwarded to the agencies involved. In Oregon, law enforcement agencies and the Department of Human Services (DHS)/Child Welfare share information and often work together when there are concerns of child abuse.

Keep in mind that investigations can take a long time. Law enforcement and/or DHS/Child Welfare do not report back to Children's Center information about the investigation. Therefore, we are not a good source for updates on the status of the investigation. You will need to call the law enforcement agency involved and/or DHS/Child Welfare for any updates. However, Children's Center does provide follow-up Family Support Services after the assessment. Feel free to call us at 503-655-7725 for support.

The primary job of law enforcement is to gather all the facts about the possible abuse of your child/teen to determine if a crime occurred. This is called "the investigation."

The law enforcement contact for your case is:

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The role of DHS/Child Welfare is to ensure that children are safe and free from abuse in their current living situation. DHS/Child Welfare may or may not be involved, depending on the safety issues and your family's resources and supports.

The DHS/Child Welfare contact for your case is:

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When law enforcement is done with the investigation, it is customary for the information to be forwarded to the District Attorney's office in the county where the crime would have occurred. The office of Victim Assistance works closely with the District Attorney's office. Families can contact Victim Assistance to request a Victim Advocate. The role of a Victim Advocate is to support you and your child/teen in understanding the legal process and to keep you updated. Sometimes the legal process can take considerable time. Calling your Victim Advocate for updates can provide some explanations and support for the waiting.

The Victim Assistance contact for you to call to request a Victim Advocate is:

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