## **Spotlight: Dawson Place**



Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit organization providing safety, justice and healing to victims of child physical and sexual abuse, assault and neglect. They provide every service needed for victims and their families to receive the help they need all in one child-friendly localized place. It minimizes the number of times a traumatized child has to tell a heartbreaking story, by bringing each needed professional for a case into one building, reducing the trauma a child experiences.



They have highly trained professionals who provide exceptional support to each child, guiding them through seeking justice and healing. The child interview specialists, trained to minimize trauma, work with therapy dogs to help children feel safe and loved. They are given time to talk, become comfortable and heal, working towards a better future for themselves.

Dawson Place believes the children who have been victimized deserve their fullest commitment and a chance for justice. Without the centralize services, a family would have to drive all over the county (or even out of county) to access the different services they need in an attempt to coordinate with each office effectively.

What makes Dawson Place different is that they bring all these specialists under one roof, allowing their team to devote all their efforts to helping the child, reducing time spent coordinating amongst organizations and shortening the chain of communication between each other. You'll find Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit, Snohomish County Prosecutor Special Assault Unit, Compass Health Child Advocacy Program, Children's Administration Child Protective Services, and Providence Regional Medical Center Intervention Center for Assault & Abuse all in one area working together for the child's common good. In the end, delivering more positive outcomes for kids at a much more rapid pace.

Amazingly, 1 in 10 children will be victims of sexual abuse before they turn 18, this is a staggering and heartbreaking figure. This means, in Snohomish County alone, thousands of children will need their services.

It is for their efforts and their outstanding drive to be the best solution to a terrible problem, that SnoCope Credit Union supports Dawson Place and has for many years, and will for many more to come.

How can you help:

They have an Amazon wish list for coloring books, backpacks, blankets, playdough and other activity items. https://www.dawsonplace.org/wishlist/

Donate: https://www.dawsonplace.org/donation-form/

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