



Make a Difference Today!



A state of the art center leading the nation in addressing child abuse.

Courage to Tell

Laura was 13 years old and had been a victim of sexual abuse for seven years at the hands of her father. She was afraid to tell because her father threatened her.

Laura's father was arrested for kidnapping and raping another teenage girl. Laura had never led anyone to believe that she too was a victim, but investigators decided to interview her just in case. During her interview at the CJC, she disclosed that her father had told her of his recent crime towards the other girl. Laura was terrified that if she told and then her father was released, she would certainly be killed.

She had learned that the other girl who was raped by her father was too traumatized to testify. All criminal charges against him were dropped and he was released from jail. She stated, "if I tell all of the horrible things he has done to me then maybe he won't get away with everything."

The case was reviewed at the CJC by the multidisciplinary team. Multiple first-degree felony counts of rape and sodomy of a child were filed against the suspect. She did testify in court, the suspect denied all allegations but was convicted of eight first degree felonies and went to prison.

Names and identifying facts have been changed to protect the rights of minors and privacy of all.

How You Can Help

The Children's Justice Centers of Salt Lake County provide a comfortable and friendly environment for children to receive help during the child abuse investigative process.

We minimize any secondary trauma through a coordinated effort with investigators, health care specialists, social service agencies, and prosecutors as the case progresses. Interviews with victims are conducted by highly trained investigators in this home-like environment.

Over the last five years, we have experienced a significant increase in caseloads. Unfortunately, funding has not kept pace with our growth and we need support from the community for basic program needs.

Your donation can help make a difference in a child's life. Cash and in-kind donations help us ensure quality services to families during a time of crisis. Please help us break the cycle of Child Abuse in Salt Lake County.

- Parent Quote:
"The CJC wasn't shaming or fearful. My child felt so comfortable and supported. Thank you!"

For more information, please visit our website:

www.cjcslc.org

Facts

- 3,500 child victims and family members served annually.
- Average age of victim is age 10
- 60% of offenders are family
- 46% of offenders are juveniles
- Only 2% of offenders are strangers
- Types of Crimes Served:
 - 92% sexual abuse
 - 5% serious physical abuse
 - 3% other (homicide, abductions, shaken baby syndrome, domestic violence, etc.)
- Families receive free services at a peaceful home setting in a residential area, crisis intervention by skilled staff, referral to counseling and medical services, free language translation services by experts, and advocacy for the best interest of the child.

"Where small voices can be heard."

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