

July Newsletter

Welcome to summer from all of us at the Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic! This is an exciting month for us as we move into new offices for both the administration of Fulcrum and the Fulcrum Interchange. You'll find more details about our move in this newsletter. It is a pleasure to work with and for all of you. Thank you for being part of our community.



SAVE ONE PROGRAM WARNS OF STUDENT GROOMING

The Fulcrum Sexual Exploitation Prevention Program (SAVE ONE) continues to expand its outreach efforts to high school and middle school students throughout Washington State. Additionally, the program is finding a tremendous response from parents and administrators in our area.

Program materials are identified on the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction website for the state. Numerous organizations are working with the director of the program to expand educational meetings and public awareness sessions.

The SAVE ONE program is pleased to provide the following list of potential grooming stages every parent should discuss with their teenager to become more aware of the grooming process leading to potential sexual exploitation:



- **Build Trust and Friendship –**

Groomers create fake profiles and AI tech to create a person that is close to your child's age, has the same interests and hobbies, and is appealing to your child's needs.

- **Flattery and Compliment –**

Groomers frequently use excessive flattery to boost your child's self esteem and create a dependency on validation.

- **Gift Giving or Providing Incentives**

– Gifts, money, or other incentives are sometimes offered to gain trust or as a means to ensure compliance.



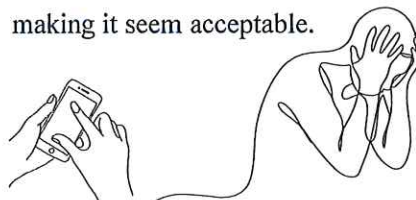
- **Isolation from Family and Friends –**

Groomers may encourage your child to keep the relationship secret and gradually isolate them from you and their friends.



- **Desensitization to Sexual Content –**

By slowly introducing sexual content into conversations, groomers aim to normalize sexual topics, making it seem acceptable.



- **Use of Manipulation and Guilt –**

Groomers often use emotional manipulation, making your child feel guilty if they resist or express discomfort. They may threaten to end the friendship or use guilt to convince your child to comply with their requests.

- **Requesting or Demanding Explicit Content –**

Once trust is established, the groomer may ask for explicit images or videos. They may use previously built relationships to coerce your child into sharing sexual content.

- **Threats and Intimidation -** If your child resists or tries to end the relationship, the groomer may resort to threats that can include threatening harm to your child or family members.

If your organization or activity would like to receive more information, or if you would like a presentation from the Fulcrum Sexual Exploitation Prevention team, contact Jaclyn Coyle at 509-838-2799

WE HAVE MOVED

The Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic is moving offices within the Rock Point Building at 1212 North Washington. Beginning July 1, the Fulcrum administration and mediation offices will move from its present location to room 306 on the third floor of the Rock Point Building. The move was prompted by the need of the facility for additional classroom space and the need to provide the Fulcrum Interchange with their own office and supervisory space.

Services Available - The move to new administrative offices will allow for improved record keeping, additional rooms for mediation services and the opportunity to look at adding new programs within the confines of the Fulcrum operation. At the present time, the facility offers complete mediation services for family dissolution services, business law, agricultural disputes, employment law, landlord tenant situations, foreclosures, land use problems between governmental entities and tribal designated communities.

Interchange Offices – The move to the third floor has allowed the Fulcrum Interchange operation to move into its own facility in room 325 on the third floor of the Rock Point Building. The new location contains seven supervisory locations, a large play area, and space for increased family activities with newer furniture, additional toys and games, and better access to building facilities. Observation and Documentation Specialist Savanna has been put in charge to the Fulcrum Interchange. All interchange inquiries should be made to the main Fulcrum phone number 509-838-2799.

ANNUAL CAMP CONFERENCE

The Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic was well represented at the June, 2026, annual Coalition of Agricultural Mediation Programs (CAMP) held in Laramie, Wyoming this past month. The Fulcrum organization has contacts with the Department of Agriculture to provide mediation services to producers who may have issues with the federal government, private suppliers and amidst family members. The firm currently services individuals in Alaska, Idaho, and Washington. It has served producers in the State of Washington since 1998 under the CAMP umbrella. Idaho producers have worked with Fulcrum since 2008. Alaska since 2020.



Ecological Grief and Stress

One of the key issues presented at the recent CAMP Conference was information concerning a new type of stress confronting Agricultural producers in today's current economic environment. It was called Ecological Grief and Stress as confronted by those in the agricultural arena. Specifically, the definition deals with every day changes in one's farm, ranch and property caused by ecological changes to the environment; warmer weather, more storms, drought, and supply availability. The Fulcrum organization is reviewing information needed to provide ecological grief sessions to area producers based on the research that has been completed and the environmental situations confronted by every day producers.



LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE

Readers of this newsletter are reminded once again that the Fulcrum organization has received approval to provide additional Access and Visitation grant dollars to low-income individuals utilizing mediation or supervised visitation services through the organization. Fulcrum has provided access and visitation dollars for a number of years for individuals who find the costs of mediation or supervised visitation slightly out of reach. Between now and the end of September, the organization has approximately \$14,000.00 in grant assistance. The requirements to have access to receive funds are rather minimal. Participants must show current documentation of monthly income, and documentation of employment. The new allocation formulas are designed to provide increased assistance to those requiring funds from the program. Questions concerning grant assistance may be referred to the organization's intake specialist.

Court Ordered Courses

The new facility will allow for a continuation and expansion of Fulcrum's court ordered course curriculums. Currently, the organization offers a Sharing the Children program for both adoptive parents and for those who are going through a dissolution, an anger management course for individuals who have been court ordered to such a program, and a theft awareness curriculum for individuals who are facing shoplifting charges. Many times, a court ordered program is part of an agreement for a continued for dismissal order for charges faced by an individual in the Court.

Special Thanks to Lauren

It is with a note of sadness that the Fulcrum staff must say goodbye to Intake Director Lauren who is leave the facility to take a position with the ARC of Spokane. Lauren had been with the firm for over 15 months and she will be missed. Many of our clients have complimented her for the excellent service she provided.





Summer is finally here! I know that a large number of our families have been bemoaning the cold windy Spring that we had. This may have caused our offsite visits to not be as pleasant as expected. But it is summer, and I invite you to utilize off site activities for you and your children. A visit to Riverfront Park might be very rewarding. Please let us know what you think of the new facility. Best wishes.

Oops, it must be English

All parents are reminded that during supervised visitations, all parties must speak English. It is not a rule that is meant to be discriminatory, it is a rule that allows for our supervisors to provide you with the clearest and most comprehensive report of your supervised visitations. Enforcement of this rule is something that will be monitored throughout your visit.

New Facilities

The Interchange Supervised Visitation Staff is pleased to invite you to come to our new facilities and see what we have to offer. The rooms are bigger, there is a play area, more toys and games are available, and it is super clean. Please join us in room 325 at the Rock Point Center.



New hours

With the increase in daylight hours, the Fulcrum Interchange is pleased to announce that on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, our hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. It is hoped that the longer hours of operation will allow for some parents to spend more quality time with their children.



Haven Award

This month's Haven Award goes to staff member, Sarah. She is in charge of collecting all subpoena records for the court, and she continues to provide quality service to families in supervised visitation settings. It is the second time that Sarah has been recognized with this reward.



New Operations Director

Savanna has been appointed as the new Fulcrum Interchange Operations Director. She has worked at the interchange as the visit coordinator and financial documentation analyst for the past eight months. She brings a sense of creativity to the position and she is dedicated to the simple premise that you should have the best family time with your children possible in the Fulcrum facility.

So Sorry, Fees Increasing

As most of you know by this point, during the month of June the Fulcrum Interchange facility was forced to increase its hourly charge for family supervision. The increase was mandated by our desire to maintain a facility that provides you with the best possible experience with your child or children during court ordered parenting time. We do not like to raise fees, but it was absolutely necessary at this point in time due to rising costs, federal and state mandates.

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