

Fulcrum Dispute Resolution Clinic

October Newsletter

Welcome to October! Fall is officially in the air. Just a quick heads-up that our off-site hours at the Interchange may be shifting soon with daylight savings right around the corner. Thank you so much to everyone for your wonderful support and cooperation.



Back to School, Back to Class, and now there is SAVE ONE!

The Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic is pleased to announce that materials from its SAVE ONE Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking Prevention Program are now featured on the OSPI website for use in every middle school and high school in the State of Washington. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction added the materials to the website after an extension review of SAVE ONE materials and dialogue for continual updating.

Parents and educators can access the curriculum and create lesson plans to fit into 50-minute class periods.

The SAVE ONE program began by equipping parents, students and school districts with the knowledge of how online child sexual exploitation occurs. Tools were developed to allow for parents, teachers, and student to recognize what exploitation can look like and what to do when it happens. The program continues to

empower young people to think critically, question harmful narratives and resist coercion. Additional materials detail the prevention of sex trafficking, and an awareness of its prevalence throughout Washington State.

Throughout the year, Fulcrum staff offers presentations, trainings, and action plans to tattoo parlors, hair salons, public transit, health care and the hospitality and tourism industries.

The key is building protective factors that can exist in towns and cities throughout the state allowing for increased knowledge and protection for those who come in contact with traffickers, groomers, survivors, and victims. Educating our community members and spreading awareness will build defenses to safeguard our children. The program continues to empower young people to think critically, question harmful narratives, and resist coercion.



The next goal of the program is to work with law enforcement, the district attorney's office and child protective services to strengthen victim identification and legislative efforts.



Reactions are positive:

- "This happened to our school; It was really scary. I wish we had the training sooner."
- "The session was so helpful and real. My niece experienced this last year, and is still trying to recover."
- "I had no idea how prolific sex trafficking is in Spokane."
- "The presentation was really informative; I feel better equipped to talk to my kids."

Questions or the scheduling of presentations may be directed to Program Director, Jaclyn Coyle.



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Mediation Costs Stable at Fulcrum

News of rising charges for mediation services is beginning to spread throughout the Spokane area. Calls to the Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic have reported one firm in Spokane is now charging \$1,000.00 to hold dissolution mediation sessions. There is no adjustment for economically challenged families.

Mediations at Fulcrum continue to be charged on a sliding fee scale. The highest cost associated with mediation is \$200.00 per person per session. The lowest charge per session, under the sliding fee scale is set at \$25.00 per person per session.

On a side note, Fulcrum does offer the opportunity for Saturday and early evening mediation sessions. Many individuals who need to take advantage of mediation work during the day and have only a few hours available to participate in mediation sessions. The mediation staff has been offering Saturday and evening mediations during the last quarter of the year.

Tilth Conference in November

The Fulcrum Institute DRC is pleased to continue its work with the TILTH Agricultural organization as it prepares for its annual conference scheduled for November 16 to 18 in Bellingham, Washington. The Washington conference will bring together farmers, educators, and food system professionals to explore sustainable agriculture. During the past year, Fulcrum staff members have participated in three educational seminars concerning farm succession planning, discussions on who should be involved, and specific questions for farmers and producers facing success planning for their farms.

The conference will feature workshops and lectures, farm walks, a trade show, networking and social events and presentations from experts in agriculture, food systems, and sustainability. Fulcrum's involvement is part of its commitment to agriculture through its contracts with the U.S. Department of agriculture. Questions about the conference may be directed to the Fulcrum Intake Specialist.

USDA Mediations Wrap Up Another Year

The end of September and the first of October brought a close to one fiscal year and a new start to another of Fulcrum's USDA Certified Mediation Programs in the states of Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. The year ended on a positive note as all three programs were recertified for the next governmental fiscal year.

The Certified Mediation Program allows Fulcrum to mediate USDA related producer/government dispute in the certified state. Mediations may include the farm service agency (FSA), rural housing, NRCS, farm credit, or any dispute between a producer and a contract holder with that producer. There are instances where the national office of the USDA is involved directly.

Fulcrum has been designated the Certified Mediation Program provider in Washington State since 1998, Idaho since 2010, and Alaska since 2020. Payment for all agricultural mediations is provided through the contract with USDA. There is no charge to a producer from mediation services.

Parent Education Topics

Individuals living in Spokane County seeking a dissolution of marriage are required, before final court hearing, to complete a three hour Sharing the Children/Parent Education course. There are a couple of places within the county offering the Sharing the Children Program. Fulcrum is one of those places.

The program focuses on three major topics identified as the legal aspects of a dissolution including parenting plan documentation and issue identification, child support, and the psychological factor impacting children throughout the divorce process and beyond. Specifically, parenting documents are examined, child support is detailed from State of Washington guidelines and career psychologists review the issues of using the child to pass notes between parents, money issues, quizzing one parent about another's actions, and differing rules within two houses.

The Fulcrum course is offered on Wednesday evenings. Sign up by calling Lauren at [509-838-2799](tel:509-838-2799).

Grant Assistance

Following last months review of Fulcrum's Access and Visitation Grant for the last fiscal year, the organization has received word that it has had the grant renewed for this fiscal year, October 2026 through September 2027. The firm has been given a total grant of \$25,000.00 to assist low-income individuals to pay for mediation and supervised visitation services. Last year, over 400 individuals were assisted with payment for services. Nearly 600 hours of supervised visits were provided with grant assistance.

All individuals currently receiving services are asked to recertify income records with the Interchange Director. Historically new individual who apply for income assistance are approved within the first week of service requests. Grant Assistance forms are available in the Interchange office, room 325 in the Rock Point Building.

Employment Opportunity

A few months ago, the Interchange Supervised Visitation Program changed its hours of operation to move all visits each week to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The change was based on family surveys and the desire to provide a more concise booking approach to family needs and interests. The move has been tremendously successful. However, the blocked approach requires longer hours for existing staff. Now, more staff is needed. If you are interested in working as an interchange Family Supervisor part time on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, please contact the Fulcrum Interchange Director. Hours can be developed to fit your requirements. Pay is \$21.00 an hour.

Anger Management

The next Anger Management course is set to begin on October 6, 2026. The 20-hour probation/court approved course will be taught on five consecutive Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Registrations still available.

A QUICK REMINDER ... DAYLIGHT

SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



October means Halloween and costumes at the Fulcrum Interchange. All visitors to the Interchange should realize during October 30th, 31st and November 1st there will be a Halloween costume contest at the facility. Prizes will be announced in various categories (Yes, parents too) for costumes worn on those days. Staff will participate in this year's recognition as well. Enjoy your visit. Enjoy Trick or Treat.

Supervisors Recognized

The Fulcrum Interchange is pleased to recognize two its supervisors for outstanding work this past month. Jessica and Autumn have received special recognition through the Haven Award. Each of the two supervisors will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate and the accolades of their fellow employees. Both Jessica and Autumn have shown great care with customer service to our parent clients, and a friendly caring family attitude toward our children visitors.

Concession Machine Open

The Interchange concession machine has a new owner. You may have noticed a better selection of snacks and candy available for purchase and he has made every attempt to keep the prices as low as possible. The Interchange staff thanks him for that. Enjoy!

Movie Policy Changed

Visiting Parents are reminded that a recent change of policy allows for them to bring in PG-13 movies and even R-rated movies for older teenage participants at the Interchange. The change was made to allow parents to have more say so in what type of movies they wish to share with their children. For years, the policy had been that Fulcrum would only allow G movies for all families. The policy change was brought about due to a number of inquiries from visiting parents. One caveat that still exists is that residential parents may still prohibit the type of movies seen by their children at the Interchange. Questions should be directed to the Interchange Director.

New Games Arrival

Children and Parents are urged to look at, and play, some of the new board games and new crafts materials now available at the Interchange. The games and materials were added to the mix due to a large contribution from an outside donor. All game boards and game pieces should be returned to their boxes when the game is no longer in use by families at the Interchange.



Restaurant Eating

A number of Interchange visitors lately have asked to eat at and spend family time at a local restaurant within the off-site area of the Interchange. The organization is pleased to honor that type of request. However, all those who wish to

go to a local restaurant should let the Interchange staff know that is the plan 24 hours in advance. The reason for the notice is to ensure that the family time supervisor has knowledge of the intended location, seating requirements, and time needed for walking to and from the Interchange.

Documents to the Court

The Interchange staff continues to receive a number of requests each month for Interchange supervisory notes to be sent to all parties, their attorneys and the Courts. All requests are to be completed within 10 days of the original request. Copies of all files are distributed following payment from the individual requesting the information.

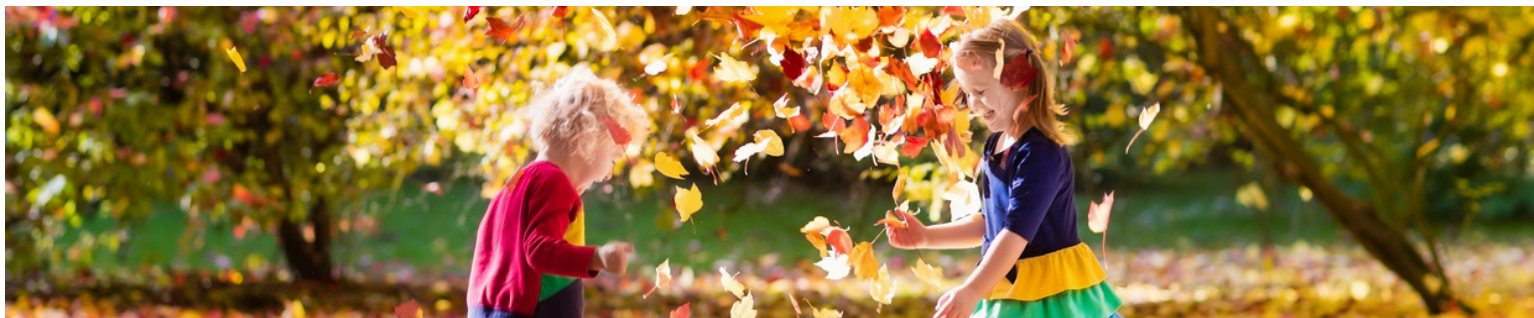


New Intake Specialist

Individuals interested in utilizing the Fulcrum Interchange facility are being briefed on facility rules, policies, and specifics of use by Family Time Supervisor Alisha. She was recently promoted to the position following a staff-wide search for a person knowledgeable on policy, outgoing, client friendly, and with the ability to form a communicative bond will all new parents and children utilizing the facility.

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