Resources and Assistance:

Anchorage:

Standing Together Against Rape) STAR:
 907-276-7273 or 800-478-8999 (statewide)

• Alaska CARES: 561-8301

<u>Juneau:</u>

• S.A.F.E. Child Advocacy Center 907-463-6157

Mat-Su Valley:

Alaska Family Services: 866-746-4080The Children's Place: 907-357-5157

Kenai Peninsula:

Haven House: 800 478-7712LeeShore Center: 907-283-9479

Bristol Bay

• "Nitaput" Child Advocacy Center: 800-510-1230

Kodiak

• Kodiak Child Advocacy Center: 907-486-9878

<u>Cordova</u>

• Family Resource Center: 907-424-5674

<u>Valdez</u>

Advocates for Victim's of Violence: 907-835-2999

<u>Unalaska</u>

• USAFV: 907 581-1500

Victim Assistance Coordinators

♦ Archdiocese of Anchorage: 907-297-7786

Diocese of Fairbanks: 907-374-9500 x116

National Resources

Darkness to Light: 1-866-For-Light 866-367-5444

National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4ACHILD

WWW.childwelfare.gov 1-800-422-4453

Who To Call To Report Abuse?

If you or someone you know has been abused, neglected or is aware of child pornography please report the abuse to:

♦ Your Local Law Enforcement:

Anchorage Police Dep	t. 786-8500	Cordova P.D.	424-6100
Dillingham P.D.	842-5354	Haines PD	766-2121
Homer P.D.	235-3150	Hoonah P.D.	945-3645
Juneau P.D.	586-0600	Kake P.D.	785-3393
Kenai P.D.	283-7879	Ketchikan P.D.	225-6631
Klawock P.D.	725-7777	Kodiak P.D.	486-8000
Palmer P.D.	745-4811	Petersburg P.D.	. 772-3838
Seward P.D.	224-3338	Sitka P.D.	747-3245
Skagway P.D.	983-2232	Soldotna P.D.	262-4455
Valdez P.D.	835-4560	Wasilla P.D.	352-5401
Wrangell P.D.	874-3304	Yakutat P.D.	784-3206

♦ Alaska State Troopers:

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262-4453

North: (Cooper Landing, Homer, Kenai, Kodiak, Ninilchik, Seward, Soldotna)

South: (Gustavus, Haines, Hoonah, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Klawock, Pelican, Petersburg, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, Wrangell, Yakutat)

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352-5401

(Big Lake, Dillingham, Glenallen, King Salmon, Naknek, Palmer, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Unalaska, Valdez, Wasilla, Willow)

♦ Office of Children's Services (OCS) 1-800-478-4444

♦ For reports of abuse or neglect of Vulnerable Adults, contact
 Adult Protective Services (APS) 1-800-478-9996

The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau also has someone available to call for Support and Advocacy:

The Victim's Assistance Coordinator can be reached by calling 907-297-7786





Office of Safe Environment 225 Cordova St. Anchorage, AK 99501 907-297-7736

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Acknowledgement

Since 2002, the crime and sin of child sexual abuse has been brought out in the open for all to see. In bringing light to this crisis, **The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** was approved.

A nationwide network of victim assistance and safe environment training was created to implement the requirements of the Charter. Individually and together we acknowledge past harms. We also acknowledge our responsibility and role in the suffering this has caused and we continue to ask forgiveness.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,

"To the survivors of sexual abuse, I want to say that there are no words that can restore the innocence that was cruelly and unjustly stolen from you when you were a child or an adolescent. That your trust was betrayed by a priest or other minister of the Church whom you had a right to expect would protect you compounded the harm done to you. It is with humility, sorrow and shame, that I apologize to you, your family, friends and community in the name of the Church for the grievous harm you suffered."

Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau, Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M. August 21, 2019, letter to the People of the Diocese of Juneau as Bishop of Juneau

For more information go to:

USCCB.org, Child and Youth Protection

aoaj.org Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau

What is being done Locally

It has been over eighteen years since the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was approved in Dallas. It is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic Clergy.

Since this time, The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau has continued to ensure Pastoral Policies are in place for its ministers and volunteers to follow. Independent auditors have found the Archdiocese to be consistently compliant to the Charter and its Pastoral Policies.

This is what we have in place to ensure a Safe Environment within our Archdiocese:

- Policies requiring background checks and safe environment training for all volunteers working with children and all clergy and staff.
- * A Victim Assistance Coordinator to advocate for any and all victim's of abuse.
- * Providing financial support for counseling services for a victim of abuse by Clergy.
- * Procedures requiring any allegation to be reported first to law enforcement.
- * Training with our children and parents on the dynamics and signs of abuse in light of the church's teaching of the dignity of every person.
- * Pursued laicization for any clergy of the Archdiocese with credible allegations of sexual abuse.
- Vetting requirements for all visiting ministers.
- * A review board advising the Archbishop on safe environment policies.

For further information, Contact
The Office of Safe Environment 907-297-7736

What is being done Nationally

Since 2003, an Annual Report has been published on the progress made in implementing the procedures of the Charter. Those reports, based on annual independent audits, tell us progress has been made.

Over 17,000 people abused by a cleric have come forward. Thousands have received pastoral care in hopes they can find healing.

Roughly 99% of adults working or volunteering in our parishes and schools are trained and have had a background check. Of the millions of children in Catholic schools or religious education, 4.4 million of them are trained to recognize abuse and how to tell someone.

Words From Pope Francis

"If one member suffers, all suffer together, "1 cor. 12:26

"These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons,"

""Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient..."

"Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated."

Letter to Catholics 8.20.2018