

Professional Resources

- Child Protection 498-6990
- ChildSafe 493-3833
- Mental Health providers
- Law Enforcement
 - Colorado State University 491-6425
 - Ft. Collins 221-6540
 - Loveland 667-2151
 - Estes Park 586-4000
 - Berthoud 532-2611
 - Larimer County Sheriff 498-5100
- Medical Doctor



The mission of the Larimer County Child Advocacy Center is to reduce trauma to children during child abuse investigations. We provide a child-friendly setting for forensic interviews and the coordination of services while ensuring children and families receive effective and sensitive support.

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Adolescents are extremely focused on peer relationships, as well as, changes in their bodies and lives. Sexual behavior becomes increasingly more adult-like.

Developmentally Appropriate Behaviors

- Increasing modesty results in a desire for privacy when using the bathroom and/or dressing.
- Recognition of sexual orientation occurs.
- Spontaneous erections, nocturnal emissions (wet dreams) and vaginal lubrication occur.
- Teens are defining their comfort level with types of physical affection, i.e. hugs,

Ways to Respond

- Respect the growing need for privacy.
- Be open to discussion of sexual orientation.
- Discuss these normal body functions with your child. Give your child access to educational information about sex, sexuality and puberty.
- Respect teens changing attitudes toward physical affection.

Potentially Concerning Behaviors

- Excessive aggressiveness or passiveness.
- Indiscriminate sexual activity.
- Excessive masturbation to the exclusion of other activities.
- Manipulating or forcing others to participate in sexually-oriented activity.

Ways to Respond

Although you may feel shocked, panicked or frightened, your reaction is critical to helping your child.

- 1) Remain calm.
- 2) Stop the behavior.
- 3) Initiate a conversation about the behavior.
- 4) Seek professional help. The following types of agencies or professions can assist you.
 - Child protection agency
 - Mental health professional
 - Law enforcement
 - Physician or nurse

Putting The Pieces Together

