

An illustration of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt, hugging a young girl from behind. The girl has short dark hair with a pink flower headband and is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt with white polka dots and pink pants with white polka dots. They are both smiling and have their eyes closed. The background is a light blue with faint, swirling patterns.

Child Protective Services and Domestic Violence?

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- CPS should ask about domestic violence and what you're doing to keep your kids safe
- CPS must try to keep you and your kids together – that includes helping you all stay safe from the abuser
- CPS should not hold you responsible for things the abuser does

Go to **wscadv.org** and search for
'know your rights' to find out more

If you need help with CPS, you can:

- Talk to a domestic violence advocate
- Talk to your attorney
(if you have one assigned to your case)
- Ask the Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman
for help at (800)571-7321
- Call the Children's Administration's Office of Constituent
Relations at (800) 723-4831

Social Worker's Practice Guide to DV, p. 17; DSHS/CA Practices and Procedures Guide 2220.7, 2331.21 42 U.S.C. 671 (15)(B); RCW 13.341.30(2); Practices and Procedures Guide, section 1130; Social Worker's Practice Guide to DV, pp. 69-70.

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