

Our Vision

Supportive communities, strong families, safe and healthy children.

Our Mission

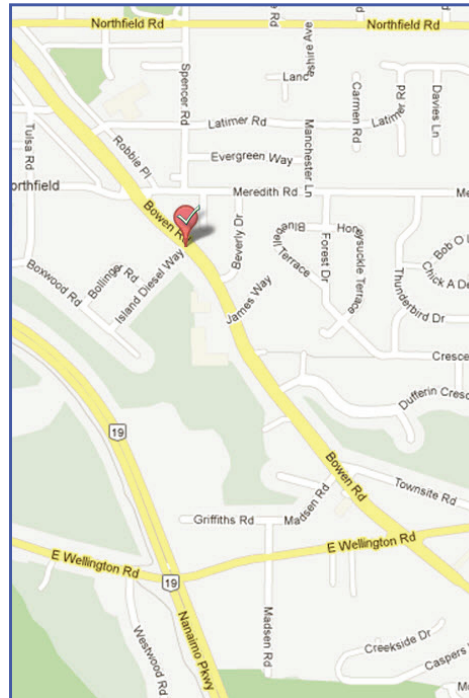
To promote the health and well-being of children who may have been maltreated and to support their families to create a positive environment for growth and development.

Our Services

- Provide medical services to suspected victims of abuse.
- Help determine the cause of a child's illnesses or injuries.
- Train professionals and educate the community about child abuse
- Conduct research to improve prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse.



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Ministry of Children & Family Development
Nanaimo District Hospital Foundation



VI SCAN

Vancouver Island Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program



For more information about the services offered by VI SCAN, please contact:

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Information for Families

VI SCAN Team

The Vancouver Island Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (VI SCAN) team is made up of a:

- Social Worker
- Nurse Clinician
- Pediatrician
- Administrative Assistant

Emergency Services

The VI SCAN team does not provide emergency services. If you are in need of urgent help please contact:

1. The police
2. Your family doctor
3. Your local Emergency Department
4. A local Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) office

Referrals for this program are accepted from MCFD, First Nation agencies, health care providers and the police.



Your Appointment

Before your visit:

- You will be contacted by the VI SCAN nurse who will ask questions about your child's medical history.

Day of your visit:

- Please expect to be at the clinic for 2-3 hours.
- Bring your child's BC Care Card.

When we see you and your child, we will:

- Listen to what happened to your child or why you brought your child to the clinic.
- Ask more questions about your child's medical history.
- Complete a physical exam.
- Ask for basic information about your family situation.
- Carefully document all the information we are given.

We may:

- Take pictures of injuries.
- Order lab tests and/or x-rays.
- Talk with other specialists.

One of the causes of injury or illness could be that someone has hurt your child:

- We do not investigate these situations.
- We are required by law to report a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect to the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- We will tell you if we plan to make such a report.

Questions?

Please ask all the questions you want. It may help to write them down.
