



LifeCenter Northwest is the non-profit organ procurement organization serving Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington, as well as an American Association of Tissue Banks accredited tissue recovery organization. LifeCenter Northwest works collaboratively with more than 200 hospitals to save lives through organ and tissue donation and serves the largest geographic area of all the 57 federally designated organ procurement organizations nationwide. (Note: due to a merger of two OPOs effective January 2021, there are now 57 OPOs in operation across the U.S.)

For more information or to register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, go to [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org).

<b>Mission</b>	Working together to save lives through organ and tissue donation
<b>Established</b>	January 1997
<b>Employees</b>	174
<b>Service Area</b>	LifeCenter Northwest serves around 9.5 million people throughout Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington.
<b>Websites and Social Media</b>	<a href="http://www.lcnw.org">www.lcnw.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lifecenternorthwest">www.facebook.com/lifecenternorthwest</a> <a href="https://www.twitter.com/LifeCenterNW">www.twitter.com/LifeCenterNW</a> Instagram: LifeCenterNW

### **Donation Facts**

- One donor can save the lives of up to eight people through organ donation, and help many more through tissue and cornea donation
- More than 108,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, including more than 2,200 in our service area
- It is estimated that across the nation, 22 people die each day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant
- Every 10 minutes another person is added to the transplant waiting list
- It is estimated that one in 20 Americans will need some type of tissue transplant in their lifetime

### **LIFECENTER NORTHWEST SERVICES**

#### **Donor Family Care:**

- Consists of highly trained, professional staff specializing in traumatic grief support.
- Provide on-site support for donor families throughout the entire donation process.
- Act as a conduit for donor family member and recipient communication.
- Facilitate a comprehensive, 18-month minimum, aftercare program specialized for each family.

**Organ Recovery Services:**

- On-site response to referral calls from hospitals.
- Evaluation of patient's medical suitability for donation.
- Management of patient care in close collaboration with hospital staff
- Work with United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and transplant centers for organ placement
- Surgical recovery and transportation of organs.

**Tissue Recovery Services:**

- Response to tissue donor referrals
- Evaluation of patient's medical suitability for donation.
- Surgical recovery and transportation of tissue.

**Hospital Development:**

- Build and advance relationships with partner hospitals.
- Assist with hospital compliance regarding donation to federal and state laws.
- Responsible for ongoing hospital staff education on donation processes, laws, and programs.

**Community Relations:**

- Ensure donation wishes are granted by maintaining the donor registry for Montana and Washington, a confidential database of donation wishes to be carried out at the time of death.
- Support the Department of Licensing and Motor Vehicle Division by providing staff training and donation registry information for WA and MT.
- Work with Driver Education Instructors in providing donation education materials to high school students and parents before they are asked about donation when they get their driver's license.
- Provide the public a direct line to donation professionals who can answer questions.
- Work as a resource to the media to accurately report donation stories.

**Donor Registry Information**

LifeCenter Northwest manages the organ, eye, and tissue donor registry for Montana and Washington at [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org). It is a confidential database of donation wishes to be carried out at the time of death.

**How to register as a donor in Montana and Washington**

- Register online at [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org)
- Call toll-free at 1-877-275-5269 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you apply for or renew your driver's license/ID card. Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the donor registry.



### **How to register as a donor in Alaska**

- Register online at [alaskadonorregistry.org](http://alaskadonorregistry.org)
- Call toll-free at 1-800-719-5433 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license.

Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the Alaska Donor Registry.

### **How to register as a donor in Idaho**

- Register online at [www.yesidaho.org](http://www.yesidaho.org)
- Call the Idaho Donor Registry toll-free at 1-866-937-4324
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license.

Residents who already have the word DONOR on their driver's license are automatically added to the Idaho Donor Registry.

### **Contact LifeCenter Northwest**

General: [Info@LCNW.org](mailto:Info@LCNW.org)

Media: [media@LCNW.org](mailto:media@LCNW.org)

Toll Free – 877-275-5269

For more information on donation, please visit: [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org)

