

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.

For more information or to register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, go to www.lcnw.org.

Mission	Working together to save lives through organ and tissue donation
Established	January 1997
Employees	256
Service Area	LifeCenter Northwest serves around 11 million people throughout Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington.
Websites and Social Media	www.lcnw.org www.facebook.com/lifecenternorthwest www.twitter.com/LifeCenterNW 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 103,000 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 in the hospital.
- 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 decisions are documented by maintaining the donor registry for Montana and Washington, a confidential database of donation decisions to be carried out at the time of death.
- Support the Washington Department of Licensing and Montana Motor Vehicle Division by providing staff training and donation registry information.
- 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.
- Provide donation awareness and education opportunities throughout our service area.
- Work as a resource to the media to accurately report donation stories.
- Work with our state and federal legislators to be a resource for accurate donation information.

Donor Registry Information

LifeCenter Northwest manages the organ, eye, and tissue donor registry for Montana and Washington at www.lcnw.org. It is a confidential database of donation decisions 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
- 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 <u>alaskadonorregistry.org</u>
- 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
- 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

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For more information on donation, please visit: www.lcnw.org

