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# Schram: Official silence on juvenile center abuse is deafening

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They don't want you to know.

I don't exactly know what they're trying to keep secret, but they're doing their best to keep the public from finding something out.

Last week, KOMO 4 Problem Solver Tracy Vedder aired a report detailing serious issues at the Echo Glen Children's Center: A teenage girl raped by a staff member; multiple instances of sexual harassment among the people in charge of the juvenile offenders detained there; allowing a convicted sex offender unsupervised contact with pre-teen and teenage girls.

Missing from Vedder's report was any sort of explanation from state officials.

They have repeatedly denied Vedder's request for an interview.

I believe that Don Mead, the superintendent of Echo Glen, along with John Clayton, who is the DSHS Secretary in charge of juvenile rehabilitation, along with DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus, are hoping that this issue fades from public attention.

I don't think that should be allowed to happen.

I've promised to address this issue alive Every. Single. Day on my radio show until those officials agree to address the serious matters concerning how juvenile females are treated at Echo Glen.

This isn't a matter of a Tracy Vedder getting an interview.

It is a point that the public deserves answers to questions that are being ignored.

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