



**Barnstable County Children's Cove
Social Media Policy
Effective Date: February 09, 2021**

To maintain regular community conversation, outreach and accessibility Barnstable County Children's Cove holds a variety of social media platforms to raise awareness of itself as an organization and awareness of issues related to our services, and to provide timely updates or information concerning our services or location.

We welcome you and your comments to social media accounts provided by Barnstable County Children's Cove.

The purpose of our accounts are to present matters of public interest on Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments, and concerns, but please note these are moderated online discussion sites and not a public forum.

Once posted, Barnstable County Children's Cove reserves the right to delete submissions that contain vulgar language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive comments that target or disparage any ethnic, racial, or religious group. Further, Barnstable County Children's Cove also reserves the right to delete comments that: (i) are spam or include links to other sites; (ii) are clearly off topic; (iii) advocate illegal activity; (iv) promote particular services, products, or political organizations; (v) infringe on copyrights or trademarks; (vi) use personally identifiable information; (vii) contain individual-specific and other confidential information. Please note that the comments expressed on our social media accounts do not reflect the opinions and position of Barnstable County's Child Advocacy Center, Barnstable County Children's Cove, or its officers and employees. If you have any questions concerning the operation of this online moderated discussion site, please contact Barnstable County Children's Cove.

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Please note, that Records Retention Law of the Commonwealth requires Barnstable County Children's Cove to preserve records created or received by a state employee. Pursuant to this retention requirement comments posted, or messages received via an official Barnstable County Children's Cove page on a third-party website (such as an official agency profile on a social network) will be treated as state governmental records and may be permanently archived. Information that you submit voluntarily through social media sites associated with Barnstable County Children's Cove where such information is publicly available, including your name, city or town, and the substance of anything that you post may be disseminated further by being posted online at this website.