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Did You Know?

The average age when a young person is first trafficked is 12-13.

One in three teens will be recruited by a trafficker within 48 to 72 hours of running from home.

The National Runaway Switchboard estimates as many as 1.6 to 2.8 million children are on the streets at any time.

CSEC Collaborative Response Team:

- Atascadero Bible Church
- Community Action Partners of San Luis Obispo
- Department of Homeland Security
- Family Care Network Incorporated
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Immigration Services
- Mountainbrook Abolitionists
- RISE
- Restorative Partners
- Runaway Girl, Inc.
- San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services
 - Adult Services
 - Child Welfare Services
 - Participant Services
- San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office
 - San Luis Obispo County Victim Witness
- San Luis Obispo County Health Agency
 - Drug and Alcohol Services
 - Mental Health Services
 - Public Health Services
 - Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART)
- San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Court
- San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Probation
- San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office
- San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
- Women's Shelter Program



Collaborative Response Team
of San Luis Obispo County

A Multi-Disciplinary Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)?

CSEC is the sexual abuse of a minor “entirely” or at least primarily, for financial or other economic reasons.

It is a form of violence against children, including:

- Sexual abuse and remuneration in money, goods, or services, or the promise of money, goods, or services;
- The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object.

“It’s not a choice; no one just wakes up and wants to do this. You can’t just walk away.”

-CSEC Survivor

Indicators of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

General Indicators:

- Unexplained absences from school for an extensive period of time.
- Chronically running away from home or placement with no explanation to their whereabouts.
- Makes reference to frequent travel to other cities or states.
- Change in behavior, attire, or material possessions.
- Makes reference to an older boyfriend/girlfriend.
- Uses terminology of the commercial sex industry.

Red Flags to look for:

- A change in physical appearance.
- Frequent truancy from school and/or unexplained absences from home or placement.
- Involved with a male who is older, controlling, has a street name, and gives them cash.
- Loss of interest in age appropriate activities.
- Disconnection from family and or other caregivers.
- Interest in pornography or other parts of the sex industry.

Identifying CSE or At-Risk Youth Screening Tool

- A universal Screening Tool will be used amongst local agencies to identify CSE or at-risk youth.
- Depending on the risk level, the screener at the agency can refer the youth to services in the community that will meet their needs or continue providing services for them.
- There are certain questions on the Screening Tool that if marked yes, will require an immediate Suspected Child Abuse Report (SCAR) to Child Welfare Services (CWS). Contact CWS by:
 - ✓ Calling (805) 781-KIDS and,
 - ✓ Faxing SCAR to (805) 781-1803

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