

Identifying and Responding to Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

WHAT IS COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC)

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) comprises sexual abuse and remuneration in money, goods or services – or the promise of money, goods, or services – to the child or a third person or persons for the sexual use of a child. The child is treated as a commercial sexual object. CSEC is violence against children. CSEC can occur through a variety of mediums including street prostitution, pornography, stripping, erotic/nude massage, escort services, phone sex lines, private parties, truck stops, gang-based prostitution, interfamilial pimping, and forms of Internet-based exploitation. What differentiates CSEC from other forms of sexual exploitation is an element of organization and/or intent, and/or the context of the commercial sex industry.¹

INDICATORS OF CSEC?

The following are common indicators that may help in identifying commercially sexually exploited children/youth. *A child exhibiting one of these indicators may not be a victim of CSEC.*²

Possible indicators in identifying sexually exploited children/youth

- Visible signs of abuse such as unexplained bruises, blackeyes, cuts or marks
- Behaviors including fear, anxiety, depression, submission, tension and/or nervousness
- Behaviors such as “hyper-vigilance”
- Sexually exploited children/youth often express interest in or are in relationships with older men or adults
- Evidence of controlling or dominating relationships
- Unexplained shopping trips or possession of expensive clothing, jewelry, or a cell phone
- Secrecy about whereabouts
- Indicators that child/youth is lying about their age or name
- Frequent or multiple sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or pregnancies
- Family dysfunction (violence, substance abuse)

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF CSEC

The following is a list of services and resources available in Washington. Services are available to victims of commercial sexual exploitation by contacting the Crime Victim Service Center or Community Sexual Assault Program in your area. Services include:

- Access to a victim advocate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week,
- Information and referrals to community resources and assistance in accessing those services,
- Support and assistance aimed at assisting victims in their healing and recovery,
- Assistance with safety planning,
- Assistance and support with accessing medical care related to CSEC,
- Help understanding the legal system, as well as other government agencies and services.

¹ Information from the Polaris Project Colorado

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Washington Crime Victim Service Centers (CVSCs) by County	
King, Snohomish, Island, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Kitsap, Clallam & Jefferson 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-346-7555	Benton, Franklin, Asotin, Walla Walla, Columbia & Garfield 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-984-2846
Spokane 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-751-7119	Pierce 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-336-8213
Clark, Cowlitz & Wahkiakum 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-425-1176	Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat & Skamania 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-523-6468
Stevens, Pend Oreille & Ferry Ferry: 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-269-2380 Pend Oreille: 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-548-3133 Stevens: 509-684-6139 (call collect)	Lincoln, Grant, Adams & Whitman 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-701-8385
Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific & Grays Harbor 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-711-2826	Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-614-5117
Community Sexual Assault Programs (CSAPs) by County	
Adams/Grant New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (509) 764-8402 24-Hour Hotline: 888-560-6027	Kittitas Abuse Support & Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) Phone: (509) 925-9384 24-Hour Hotline: 866-925-9384
Asotin/Garfield Quality Behavioral Health Phone: (509) 758-3341 24-Hour Hotline: 888-475-5665	Klickitat Washington Gorge Action Programs – Programs for Peaceful Living Phone: (509) 773-6100 24-Hour Hotline: 800-352-5541
Benton/Franklin Sexual Assault Response Center Phone: (509) 374-5391 24-Hour Hotline: 509-374-5391	Lewis Human Response Network Phone: (360) 748-6601 24-Hour Hotline: 800-244-7414
Chelan/Douglas Domestic & Sexual Violence Crisis Center of Chelan & Douglas Counties Phone: (509) 663-7446 24-Hour Hotline: 509-888-help	Lincoln Family Resource Center of Lincoln County Phone: (509) 725-4358 24-Hour Hotline: 800-932-0932
Clallam Forks Abuse Program Phone: (360) 374-6411 24-Hour Hotline: 360-374-2273	Mason Center for Advocacy and Personal Development Phone (360) 426-6925 24-Hour Hotline: 360-490-5228

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<p>Clallam Healthy Families of Clallam County Phone (360) 452-3811 24-Hour Hotline: 360-452-4357</p>	<p>Okanogan The Support Center Phone: (509) 826-3221 24-Hour Hotline: 888-826-3221</p>
<p>Clark YWCA of Clark County – Sexual Assault Program Phone: (360) 696-0167 24-Hour Hotline: 360-695-0501</p>	<p>Pacific Crisis Response Network Phone: (360) 875-6702 24-Hour Hotline: 800-435-7276</p>
<p>Columbia YWCA of Walla Walla – Dayton Office Phone: (509) 382-9922 24-Hour Hotline: 509-382-9922</p>	<p>Pend Oreille Family Crisis Network Phone: (509) 447-2274 24-Hour Hotline: 509-447-5483 /toll free 1-800-548-3133</p>
<p>Cowlitz Hope Project/Emergency Support Shelter Phone: (360) 425-1176 24-Hour Hotline: 360-636-8471</p>	<p>Pierce Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County Phone: (253) 597-6424 24-Hour Hotline: 800-756-7273</p>
<p>Douglas (see Chelan)</p>	<p>San Juan Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services of the San Juan Islands Phone: (360) 376-5979 24-Hour Hotline: 360-376-1234</p>
<p>Ferry Connections Phone (509) 775-3331 24-Hour Hotline: 509-775-2014</p>	<p>Skagit Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (360) 336-9591 24-Hour Hotline: 888-336-9591</p>
<p>Franklin (see Benton)</p>	<p>Skamania Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Phone: (509) 427-4210 24-Hour Hotline: (pager) 1-800-255-8314</p>
<p>Garfield (see Asotin)</p>	<p>Snohomish Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse Phone: (425) 252-4800 24-Hour Hotline: 425-252-4800</p>
<p>Grant (see Adams)</p>	<p>Spokane Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center Phone: (509)747-8224 24-Hour Hotline: 509-624-7273</p>

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<p>Grays Harbor Beyond Survival Phone (360) 533-9751 24-Hour Hotline: 888-626-2640</p>	<p>Stevens Family Support Center at Rural Resources Phone: (509) 685-6087 24-Hour Hotline: 509-684-3796</p>
<p>Island Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse Phone (360) 675-7057 24-Hour Hotline: 800-215-5669</p>	<p>Thurston SafePlace Phone: (360) 786-8754 24-Hour Hotline: 360-754-6300</p>
<p>Jefferson Dove House Advocacy Services Phone: (360) 385-5292 24-Hour Hotline: 360-385-5291</p>	<p>Wahkiakum St. James Family Center Phone: (360) 795-6401 24-Hour Hotline: 360-795-6400</p>
<p>King Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services Phone (206) 726-0093 TTY 24-Hour Hotline: 888-236-1355 TTY</p>	<p>Walla Walla YWCA of Walla Walla Phone: (509) 525-2570 24-Hour Hotline: 509-529-9922</p>
<p>King Children's Response Center Phone: (425) 688-5130 24-Hour Hotline: 425-688-5130</p>	<p>Whatcom Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County Phone: (360) 671-5714 24-Hour Hotline: 877-715-1563</p>
<p>King Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Phone: (206) 744-1600 24-Hour Hotline: 206-744-1600</p>	<p>Whitman Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse Phone: (509) 332-0552 24-Hour Hotline: 509-332-4357</p>
<p>King King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Phone: (425) 226-5062 24-Hour Hotline: 888-99voice</p>	<p>Yakima Lower Valley Crisis & Support Center Phone: (509) 837-6689 24-Hour Hotline: 509-837-6689</p>
<p>Kitsap Kitsap Sexual Assault Center Phone: (360) 479-1788 24-Hour Hotline: 360-479-8500</p>	<p>Yakima Yakima Sexual Assault Program Phone: (509) 576-4326 24-Hour Hotline: 509-452-9675</p>

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Marginalized Communities Programs Serving Victims of CSEC by County	
<p>King Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center Phone: (206) 467-9976</p>	<p>King Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Phone: (206) 721-0243</p>
<p>King Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse Phone: (206) 568-7777</p>	
State and National Resources	
<p>Washington State The Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN) 24-Hour Hotline: 206-245-0782</p>	
<p>Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Hotline: 1-800-822-1067 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)</p>	
<p>National Human Trafficking Resource Center 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-373-7888</p>	

CHILD VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The following agencies specialize in providing services to child victims of human trafficking:

- **Community Youth Services**
Olympia, WA
1-888-698-1816 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)
- **Spruce Street Secure Crisis Center**
Seattle, WA
206-587-0992
- **YouthCare**
Seattle, WA
1-206-694-4500
24-Hour Crisis Line: 800-495-7802

For more information, please contact the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy by email at OCVA@commerce.wa.gov or by phone at 1-800-822-1067.

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