

# Identifying and Responding to Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

## WHAT IS COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC)

Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is violence against children. CSEC is sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor, 17 and under, for “payment” or promise of money, goods or services to the child or a third person(s). CSEC occurs through a variety of methods including interfamilial pimping, street prostitution, pornography, stripping, erotic/nude massage, escort services, private parties, truck stops, gang-based prostitution, and forms of Internet-based exploitation. *CSEC disproportionately affects youth of color, gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth, and girls.*

## INDICATORS OF CSEC

The following are common indicators that may help in identifying children/youth who are at-risk of or are being commercially sexually exploited. *A child exhibiting these indicators may not be a victim of CSEC.*

### *Possible indicators in identifying sexually exploited children/youth*

- Visible signs of abuse such as unexplained bruises, black eye(s), cuts or marks
- Behaviors including fear, anxiety, depression, submission, tension and/or nervousness
- Behaviors such as “hyper-vigilance”
- Tattoos (“branding”) typically on wrist, shoulder blade or chest
- Sexually exploited children/youth often express interest in or are in relationships with older men or adults
- Evidence of controlling or dominating relationships
- Possession of multiple cell phones, hotel room keys
- Frequent running away, skipping school (truancy)
- Indicators that child/youth is lying about their age or name, fake ID , no ID
- Family dysfunction (family violence, history of child abuse/neglect, alcohol/drug abuse)

## IDENTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE OF CSEC

Due to the fear, coercion, threats and exploitation of multiple vulnerabilities by perpetrators, children and youth who may have experienced sexual exploitation, will generally NOT:

- identify as a “victim” or “survivor”
- identify as a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking
- disclose abuse during the initial contact(s)

## SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF CSEC

The following is a list of services and resources available in Washington. Support and assistance is available to individuals who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, their parents, families and caregivers, by contacting the Crime Victim Service Center or Community Sexual Assault Program in your area. *Advocacy services are free of charge.* Services include:

- Access to a victim advocate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week,
- Support and assistance aimed at meeting the self-determined needs of youth,
- Support and assistance for parents, caregivers and adults impacted by CSEC,
- Assistance with safety and support planning,
- Assistance and support with accessing medical care related to CSEC,
- Assistance and support with accessing additional resources,
- Assistance with understanding the legal system, the rights of victims as well as other government agencies and services.

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<b>Washington Crime Victim Service Centers (CVSCs)</b> by County	
<b>King, Snohomish, Island, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Kitsap, Clallam &amp; Jefferson</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-346-7555	<b>Benton, Franklin, Asotin, Walla Walla, Columbia &amp; Garfield</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-984-2846
<b>Spokane</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-751-7119	<b>Pierce</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-346-7555
<b>Clark, Cowlitz &amp; Wahkiakum</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-425-1176	<b>Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat &amp; Skamania</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-523-6468
<b>Ferry: 1-509-207-9551, Stevens: 1-509-685-6099</b> <b>Pend Oreille: 1-509-447-2274</b>	<b>Lincoln, Grant, Adams &amp; Whitman</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-701-8385
<b>Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific &amp; Grays Harbor</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-711-2826	<b>Chelan, Douglas &amp; Okanogan</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-614-5117
<b>Community Sexual Assault Programs (CSAPs)</b> by County	
<b>Adams</b> New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (509) 764-8402 24-Hour Hotline: 888-560-6027	<b>Clark</b> YWCA of Clark County – Sexual Assault Program Phone: (360) 696-0501 24-Hour Hotline: 800-695-0167
<b>Asotin</b> Quality Behavioral Health Phone: (509) 758-3341 24-Hour Hotline: 888-475-5665	<b>Klickitat</b> Washington Gorge Action Programs – Programs for Peaceful Living Phone: (509) 493-1533 24-Hour Hotline: 800-352-5541
<b>Benton</b> Support Advocacy and Resource Center (SARC) Phone: (509) 374-5391 24-Hour Hotline: 509-374-5391	<b>Lewis</b> Human Response Network Phone: (360) 748-6601 24-Hour Hotline: 800-244-7414
<b>Chelan</b> SAGE Phone: (509) 663-7446 24-Hour Hotline: 509-663-7446	<b>Lincoln</b> Family Resource Center of Lincoln County Phone: (509) 725-4358 24-Hour Hotline: 800-932-0932
<b>Clallam</b> Forks Abuse Program Phone: (360) 374-6411 24-Hour Hotline: 360-374-2273	<b>Mason</b> Prevention, Advocacy and Specialized Services (PASS) Phone (360) 426-6925 24-Hour Hotline: 360-490-5228
<b>Clallam</b> Healthy Families Phone: (360) 452-3811 24-Hour Hotline:(360) 452-4357	<b>Okanogan</b> The Support Center Phone (509) 826-3221 24-Hour Hotline: 888-826-3221

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<b>Columbia</b> YWCA of Walla Walla – Dayton Office Phone: (509) 525-2570 24-Hour Hotline: 509-529-9922	<b>Pacific</b> Crisis Response Network Phone: (360) 875-6702 24-Hour Hotline: 800-435-7276
<b>Cowlitz</b> Hope Project/Emergency Support Shelter Phone: (360) 425-1176 24-Hour Hotline: 360-636-8471	<b>Pend Oreille</b> Pend Oreille Crime Victim Services Phone: (509) 447-2274 24-Hour Hotline: 509-447-5483 /toll free 1-800-548-3133
<b>Douglas</b> SAGE Phone: (509) 663-7446 24-Hour Hotline: 509-663-7446	<b>Pierce</b> Rebuilding Hope, the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County Phone: (253) 597-6424 24-Hour Hotline: 253-474-7273
<b>Ferry</b> Connections Phone (509) 775-3331 24-Hour Hotline: 800-269-2380	<b>San Juan</b> Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services of the San Juan Islands Phone: (360) 468-3788 24-Hour Hotline: 360-468-4567
<b>Franklin</b> Support Advocacy and Resource Center (SARC) Phone: (509) 374-5391 24-Hour Hotline: 509-374-5391	<b>Skagit</b> Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (360) 336-9591 24-Hour Hotline: 888-336-9591
<b>Garfield</b> Quality Behavioral Health Phone: (509) 758-3341 24-Hour Hotline: 888-475-5665	<b>Skamania</b> Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Phone: (509) 427-4210 24-Hour Hotline: (pager) 877-427-4210
<b>Grant</b> New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Phone: (509) 764-8402 24-Hour Hotline: 888-560-6027	<b>Snohomish</b> Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse Phone: (425) 297-5780 24-Hour Hotline: 425-252-4800 Human Trafficking Hotline: 425-258-9037
<b>Grays Harbor</b> Beyond Survival Phone (360) 533-9751 24-Hour Hotline: 888-626-2640	<b>Spokane</b> Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center Phone: (509)747-8224 24-Hour Hotline: 509-624-7273
<b>Island</b> Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse Phone (360) 675-7057 24-Hour Hotline: 800-215-5669	<b>Stevens</b> Family Support Center at Rural Resources Phone: (509) 684-3796 24-Hour Hotline: 509-684-6139

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<b>Jefferson</b> Dove House Advocacy Services Phone: (360) 385-5292 24-Hour Hotline: 360-385-5291	<b>Thurston</b> SafePlace Phone: (360) 786-8754 24-Hour hotline: 360-754-6300
<b>King</b> Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services Phone (206) 922-7088 TTY 24-Hour Hotline: 206-812-1001 TTY	<b>Wahkiakum</b> St. James Family Center Phone: (360) 795-6401 24-Hour Hotline: 360-795-6400
<b>King</b> Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Phone: (206) 744-1600 24-Hour Hotline: 206-744-1600	<b>Walla Walla</b> YWCA of Walla Walla Phone: (509) 525-2570 24-Hour Hotline: 509-529-9922
<b>King</b> King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Phone: (425) 226-5062 24-Hour Hotline: 888-998-6423	<b>Whatcom</b> DV/SA Services of Whatcom County Hotline: (877)-715-1563 Office: (360) 671-5714
<b>Kitsap</b> Kitsap Sexual Assault Center Phone: (360) 479-1788 24-Hour Hotline: 360-479-8500	<b>Whitman</b> Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse Phone: (509) 332-0552 24-Hour Hotline: 509-332-4357
<b>Kittitas</b> Abuse Support & Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) Victim Advocacy Services Phone: (509) 925-9384 24-Hour Hotline: 866-925-9861	<b>Yakima</b> Lower Valley Crisis & Support Center Phone: (509) 837-6689 24-Hour Hotline: 509-837-6689
	<b>Yakima</b> Abuse Support & Prevention Education Now (ASPEN) Victim Advocacy Services Phone: (509) 576-4326 24-Hour Hotline: 509-452-9675

### Marginalized Communities Programs Serving Victims of CSEC

<b>King</b> API Chaya Phone: (206) 467-9976	<b>Pierce</b> Oasis Youth Center Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 14-24 Phone: (253) 671-2838 Hotline: 253-988-2108
<b>King</b> Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse Phone: (206) 568-7777	<b>Thurston</b> Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 13-30 Phone: (360) 357-4472
<b>King</b> Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Phone: (206) 721-0243	

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<b>State and National Resources</b>	
<b>Washington State</b> <b>The Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN)</b> Victim Assistance Line: 206-245-0782	
<b>Washington State</b> <b>Office of Crime Victims Advocacy</b> Hotline: 1-800-822-1067 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm) <a href="http://www.ocva.wa.gov">www.ocva.wa.gov</a>	
<b>National Human Trafficking Resource Center</b> 24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-373-7888	

<b>CHILD VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING</b>		
The following agencies have expertise in providing services to children and youth who have experienced, or who are at-risk of being victims of commercial sexual exploitation		
<b>King County</b>		
<b>Seattle</b> Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse Phone: (206) 568-7777	<b>Seattle</b> YouthCare <b>CSEC Hotline: 855-400-2732</b>	
<b>Pierce County</b>		
Oasis Youth Center Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 14-24 Phone: (253) 671-2838 Hotline: 253-988-2108	<b>Thurston County</b>	
	<b>Olympia</b> Community Youth Services 1-888-698-1816 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)	
<b>Snohomish County</b>		
<b>Everett</b> Providence Intervention Center for Abuse and Assault Azra Grudic, advocate 425-388-7807 Human Trafficking Hotline: 425-258-9037	<b>Thurston County</b> Thurston Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) Serving LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults 13-30 Phone: (360) 357-4472	
<b>Spokane County</b>		
<b>Spokane</b> Sexual Assault and Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center Phone: (509)747-8224 24-Hour Hotline: 509-624-7273	<b>Yakima County</b> <b>Yakima</b> Comprehensive Mental Health 509-575-4824 <b>24-Hour Hotline: 1-866-523-6468</b>	

For more information, please contact the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy by e-mail at [OCVA@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:OCVA@commerce.wa.gov) or by phone at 1-800-822-1067