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Additional Resources:

- Alameda County SB 1193 Signage (Created by Oakland CSEC Task Force members and District Attorney Nancy O'Malley)
- City of Oakland "Stop Human Trafficking" Flyer
- Human Trafficking in America's Schools
- New England School of Social Work Infographic on Human Trafficking <http://mbabolitionists.org/resources/infographics/u-of-new-england-school-of-social-work/>



FRAMING THE ISSUE OF THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, a federal law passed in 2000, any child under the age of 18 years old that is used for the purpose of exploitation through sexual servitude (prostitution), regardless of the absence of economic leverage, manipulation, fraud, coercion, threats, force and violence is considered a **commercially sexually exploited child (CSEC)**.¹ A child victim of human trafficking does not have to prove that they were tricked or violently forced into sexual exploitation in order to be considered a victim of human trafficking under this federal law. This federal law applies to every child human trafficking victim in the United States.

KEY ISSUES FACING CSEC NATIONALLY

- 1. Earlier childhood sexual abuse greatly increases vulnerability to commercial sexual exploitation during teens.** According to national statistics children who are sexually abused in earlier childhood are four times more likely than their peers to be targeted and victimized by commercial sexual exploitation. Nationally, 95% of "teen prostitutes" were victims of earlier childhood sexual abuse.²
- 2. Psychological trauma, especially Stockholm's Syndrome, greatly impacts CSEC's ability to cooperate with law enforcement efforts.** Many CSEC who suffer psychological trauma are seen as willing participants in their own exploitation. The psychological trauma they suffer is similar to what is seen in domestic violence victims.
- 3. Commercially sexually exploited children are routinely arrested as prostitutes and charged with prostitution.** Every act of "prostitution" where a child is involved is actually an act of child rape and sexual exploitation. Every child that is involved in "prostitution" is actually a victim of child abuse, even when they don't fit the legal definition of a CSEC.
- 4. A large number of CSEC have been removed from the care and custody of their families and are wards or dependents of the state.** The resources available to social workers and probation officers, especially placement and facilities, do not meet the current needs of CSEC. Specialized staff, placement, facilities, programs and services are needed within the Juvenile Probation and Child Welfare Systems to fill this gap and serve these children as victims.
- 5. The public systems' adherence to the TVPA (2000) is critical to the recovery and sustainability of commercially sexually exploited children.** Adherence to the TVPA will rely on state & local policy. Education and training coupled with CSEC-specific services and facilities within the public system is required for implementation of the TVPA.

TECHNIQUES USED BY EXPLOITERS

- Recruitment
- Seduction
- Isolation
- Coercion
- Violence

CSEC RISK FACTORS

- Earlier childhood sexual abuse
- Homelessness
- Running away
- Inadequate supervision or care
- Inadequate food, clothing and shelter
- Family and/or community history of exploitation
- Exposure to domestic violence in the home

USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN CSEC

- Computer/Internet
- Cell Phones/Text Messaging
- Digital Cameras
- Web Cameras
- Global positioning system (GPS)

LOCAL POPULATION STATISTICS**

- 61% had been raped one or more times
- 55% of them were foster care youth from group homes
- 82% of them had previously runaway from home multiple times
- 60% of them had previously been arrested for solicitation
- 58% of them were currently on probation

***Of 149 youth assessed by the program between August 30, 2006 and September 30, 2007*

Q: What is the difference between sexual exploitation and the commercial sexual exploitation of children?

A: Sexually exploited children exchange sex to have their basic needs met (ie: food, clothing, shelter, care). Whereas commercially sexually exploited children, exchange sex so that a third party can profit from the sale of their body. Both children are victims, CSEC are victims of human trafficking.

¹ Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, H.R. 3244, 106th Cong., 2nd Sess. (2000).

² <http://www.prevent-abuse-now.com/stats>

Vice & Child Exploitation Unit (Vice/CEU)

Vice/Child Exploitation					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. Investigators	4	4	3	2	3
Total Cases:	712	737	287	330	423
Total Cases Assigned:	712	662	287	330	306
Total Cases Not-Assigned (closed by administrative process)	0	0	0	0	0
Assigned Cases per Investigator:	178	165	96	165	102
Cases Charged					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Felony:	25	73	63	65	52
Misdemeanor:	391	339	259	388	592
Parole Violations:	5	6	8	11	3
Probation Violations:	37	15	51	73	91
Other Information					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Ramey/Arrest Warrants:	15	7	12	25	24
Search Warrants:	18	14	10	10	12
Admissions of Guilt:	35	35	n/a	2	21
Statements:	120	173	n/a	0	*483
Human Trafficking Cases:	36	104	161	3	83
Call-Out Activations:	16	42	9	4	18
Surveillances:	68	42	0	6	4
Investigative/Enforcement Operations					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Operations:	48	36	21	25	55
No. Trolling (Male UC Ops):	2	14	17	10	30
No. Decoy (Female UC Ops):	0	2	2	2	11
Op Beat Feet:	0	0	n/a	0	0
Massage Parlor:	9	2	0	3	3
Internet Cases (Craig's List)	1	4	2	4	1
No. SOAP (Stay Out Area Prostitute):	36	14	0	6	10
Operation Stats					
Total Arrests:	464	363	210	336	555
Adult Males:	23	24	47	42	83
Adult Females:	546	391	267	262	442
Juveniles:	71	49	49	35	30
Citations:	6	11	32	18	14

**Increase due to "de-brief" component at Vice Ops starting in 2014*



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Oakland Unified School District and Alameda County District Attorney

PARENT ALERT

FBI names the Bay Area a high-intensity child sex trafficking area.

Help Protect Oakland Kids from Sexual Exploitation.

Important Facts that Teens Should Know

- Sexual predators or “Pimps” are looking for children and teens around schools, malls, parks, buses/BART, foster homes, and on social media (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc).
- Pimps often look for children as young as 12 years old.
- Within 48 hours of running away from home, kids are likely to be approached by a pimp.
- Pimps recruit through offers of shelter, gifts, love and affection, and protection. This might appear as a dating relationship and/or new clothing and apparel, manicures and pedicures, cell phones and tattoos.
- 6 in 10 kids forced into sex trafficking said they just needed a place to stay.
- Many young girls are impregnated by their pimp, forging blood ties that are difficult to escape.
- Those who attempt to escape from their pimp are threatened with violence, beaten, or even killed.

Teach Your Children and Teens

- Avoid being alone in the streets, especially after dark. Always travel with a trusted friend.
- Do not get into a car or truck of a stranger or acquaintance who offers gifts, drugs/alcohol, or dates. Report the day, time, and description of the person and vehicle to your school security officer or principal immediately.
- Ask for help if there are problems at home or at school. Talk to a parent or family member, school counselor, teacher, mentor or trusted friend.

How to Get Help for Your Child or Another Child

- Call **911** for immediate danger; also contact your child’s **OUSD school principal**, nurse, health center, counselor or school police/security officer.
- **Crisis Support Services 800-309-2131** for family and teen problems.
- **BAWAR Crisis Hotline 510-845-7273** for children who may be sexually exploited.
- **National Human Trafficking Resource Center 888-373-7888** or text **BeFree (233-733)** to report human trafficking.

To Learn More about Child Sex Trafficking in Oakland:

- Go to the **Alameda County DA’s, Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Watch** website at **HEAT-Watch.org**.

What is going on in Oakland?

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSE TO COMMERCIAL SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN

The Problem of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) in Oakland

Recognized in the commercial sex-industry subculture as a lucrative hub for underage prostitution, Oakland is situated at the epicenter of a trafficking triangle between neighboring San Francisco and Contra Costa Counties, an area that includes many other cities—such as Hayward, Berkeley, Richmond, and San Francisco—with large populations of high-risk youth. Oakland is known as popular a destination with connections to Los Angeles and Las Vegas—and a prime target for consumers and exploiters alike, looking to hook into the area’s underage sex market. Local “tracks,” (*parts of Oakland known for thriving street sex trade*) include lower San Antonio to far East Oakland (E14th Corridor) and part of West Oakland (San Pablo corridor,) located in the vicinity of many OUSD schools. To date, **well over 1000 sexually exploited minors (SEM)** have been referred to services in Oakland; it is widely recognized these minors disproportionately represent youth involved in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems. Many **commercially sexually exploited children attend Oakland schools and may go unrecognized** and suffer extreme abuses at the hands of exploiters such as “pimps” and “johns.”

What do I look for?

Some Red Flags

- Excessive, unexplained absences from school
- Pattern of running away from home (or from foster care)
- Inappropriate relationships (being picked up by an older male, not a relative)
- Previous history of sexual or physical abuse & neglect
- Change in demeanor/style to look older

Some Red Flags

- Relentless texting back and forth at all hours of the day
- Unexplained bruises, injuries; reoccurring STDs/reproductive or other health issues
- Social networks exists outside of school
- Tattoos/branding
- Rumors by other students
- Co-occurring substance abuse

What do I do?

Steps to take if you suspect a student is being commercially sexually exploited

Referral Protocol:

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to school-based medical or mental health provider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make a Suspected Child Abuse report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consult with your Administrator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify the parent/guardian if it will not endanger the child <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seek consultation from a provider within the City of Oakland Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children (SEM) Task Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain confidentiality according to HIPPA and FERPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confront the child directly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempt to pick up the child if you see them out on the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call parent until a clear assessment has been made <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fail to follow-up a referral linking the child to services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stigmatize the child by sharing information with the broader community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blame the victim

Resources for Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children:

For CSEC victim’s support and advocacy, call BAWAR: 510-430-1298/ (crisis hotline) 510-845-7273
 For information on mental health services for CSEC students, call: West Coast Children’s Clinic: 510-269-9043
 For training or consultation on how to help CSEC students, call MISSEY Inc.: on call 510-290-6097
 To make a CPS report of suspected child abuse, call 510-259-1800

