



COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC) PROTOCOL

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WHAT IS THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC)?

- Sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value, or promise thereof, to the child or another person or persons.
- The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object.
- CSEC is a form violence against children.

CSEC INCLUDES



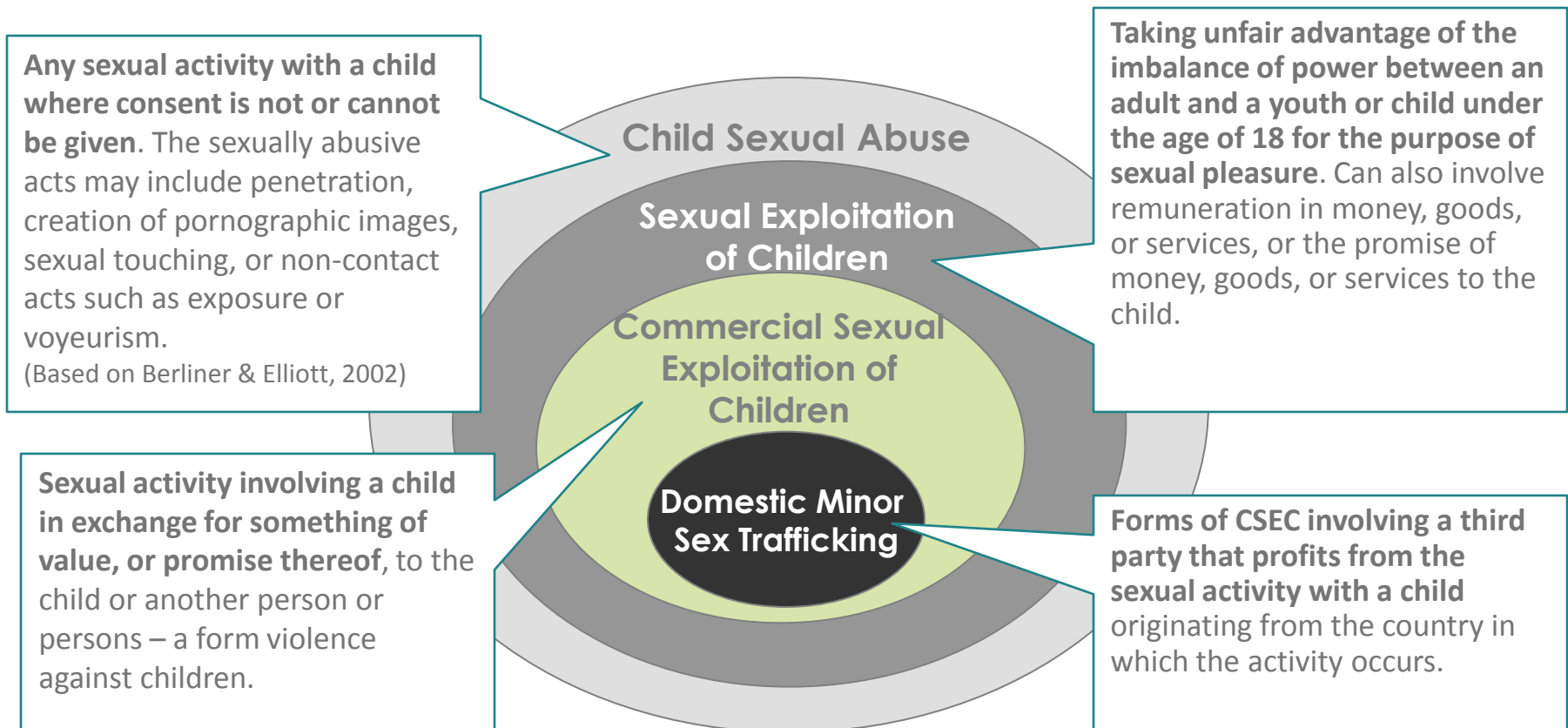
- Street Walking
- Pornography
- Survival Sex
- Stripping
- Escort Agencies
- Phone sex lines
- Internet-based exploitation
- Erotic/nude massage
- Gang-based prostitution
- Interfamilial pimping
- Video Chats

CSEC STEREOTYPES



- Can't change
- It's a choice
- It only happens to certain people
- All victims are lower class/foster kids/African American
- Girl is to blame/she deserved it
- Sex addict
- "Johns" are only old, perverted men
- STI infested

INTERSECTIONS OF ABUSE





- On September 29, 2014, the President signed Public Law 113-183, the **Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act**.
- California implemented the federal law with multiple senate bills which amended the **Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC)** that guides child welfare practice.
- WIC 16524.8 requires Child Welfare, Probation, Behavioral Health, Public Health, and the Juvenile Court to **coordinate responses** to CSEC youth.



CWS formed a **CSEC Steering Committee** which meets monthly and includes the following partners:

- Juvenile Court
- San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- San Diego Police Department
- Maternal Child & Family Health Services
- Public Health Nursing
- Behavioral Health Services
- Probation Department
- District Attorney's Office
- San Diego County Office of Education
- County Counsel
- Dependency Legal Group



The Steering Committee assisted in the creation of **San Diego's Interagency CSEC Protocol**. The protocol:

- fosters *collaboration and coordination* among agencies serving CSEC victims
- utilizes best practices to provide *victim centered service delivery*
- ensures *trauma informed training* to staff and community partners
- screens all youth age 10 and up who come into contact with the agency for Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- ensures that each CSEC identified youth receives a *multi-disciplinary team meeting* to ensure proper victim services are being provided
- Identifies *CSEC liaisons* in each CWS office to assist social workers who provide services for CSEC youth

PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING



CWS has received funding from a State allocation to assist in protocol implementation, which will be used in the following ways:

- Partnership with the DA's Office to fund the Ugly Truth campaign
- Protocol assistance from Robert F. Kennedy Center and National Center for Youth Law
- Foster youth training
- West Coast Children's Clinic – CSE-IT
- Screening tool pilot begins end of January
- Placement Resources and Support



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QUESTIONS???

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