



THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

(CSEC)





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AGENDA



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- Definitions & Concepts
- Prevalence in San Diego County
- Recruitment Tactics
& Techniques
- Warning Signs
- Mandated Reporting

IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE



Prostitute



Commercially
Sexually
Exploited Child/Youth



San Diego Youth Services H&nds Project

COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



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The **abuse of power differentials** or the
exploitation of a person's vulnerabilities
in order to induce a **sex act** in exchange
for **something of value**



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

A form of violence against children

CSEC INCLUDES:



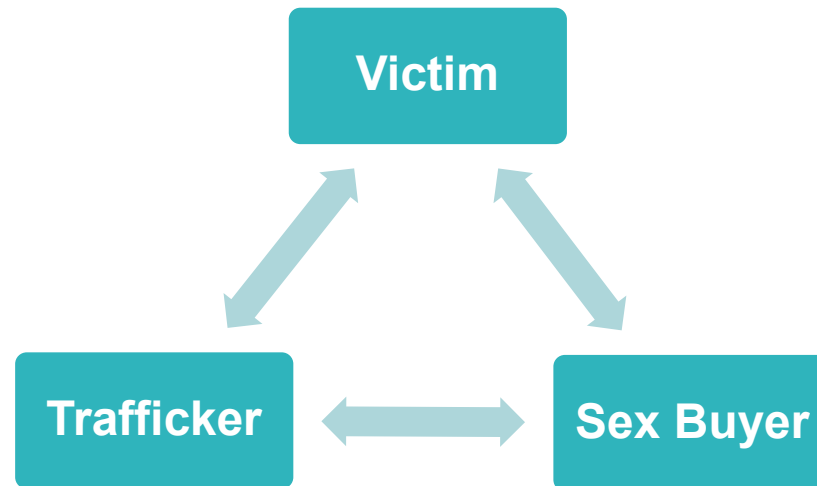
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- Street Walking
- Pornography
- Survival Sex
- Stripping
- Escort Agencies
- Phone sex lines
- Video Chats
- Private Parties
- Internet based exploitation
- Erotic/nude massage
- Gang-based prostitution
- Interfamilial pimping



TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

Any labor or commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age, for the profit of a third party.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SAN DIEGO



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Carpenter & Gates, 2015

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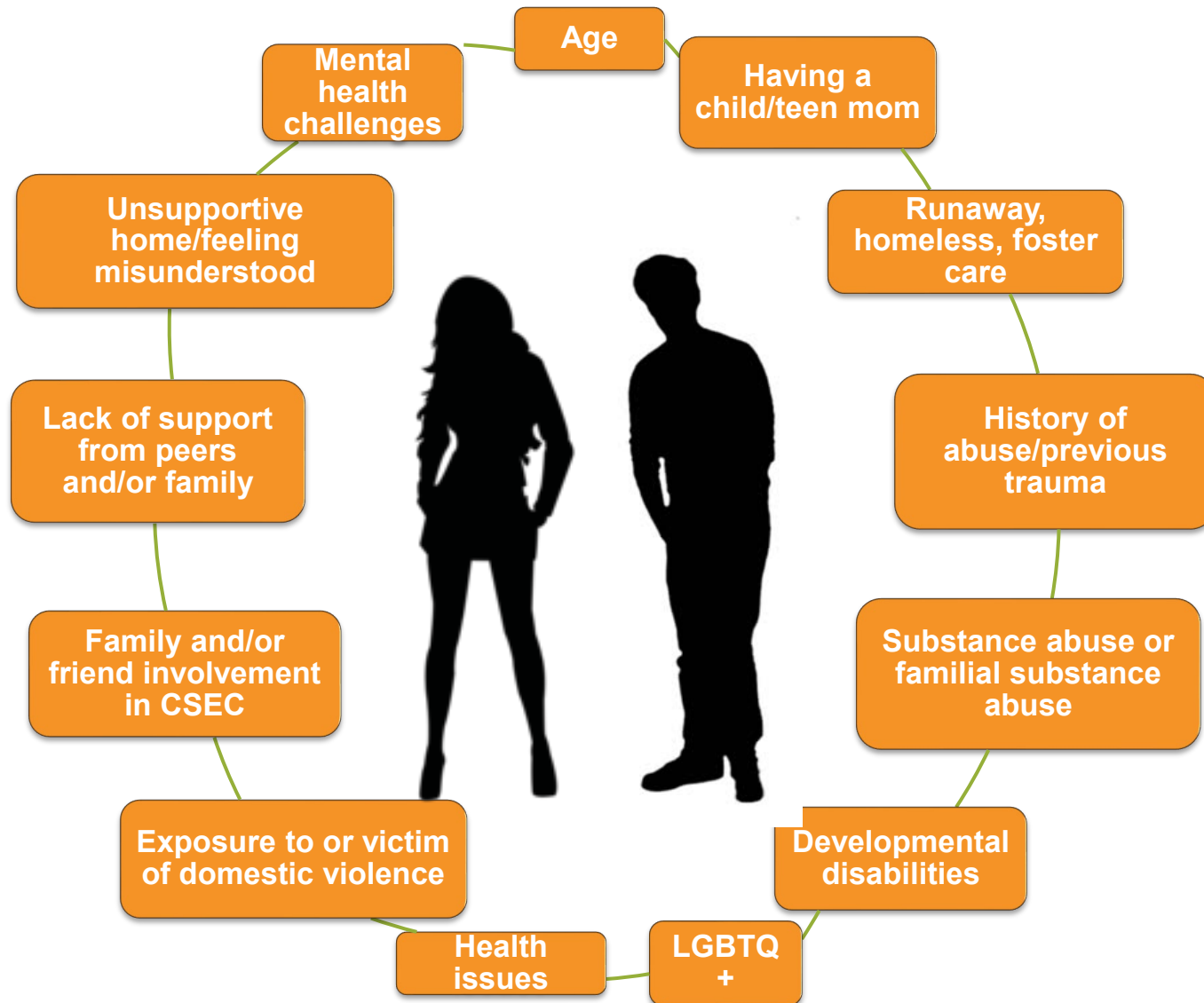
- Largest, most comprehensive human trafficking research study to date
- \$810 million Underground Commercial Sex Economy
 - \$536,000 estimated earnings annually per trafficker
- 110 gangs are involved in commercial exploitation of people
 - 85% of pimps/sex trafficking facilitators interviewed were gang involved



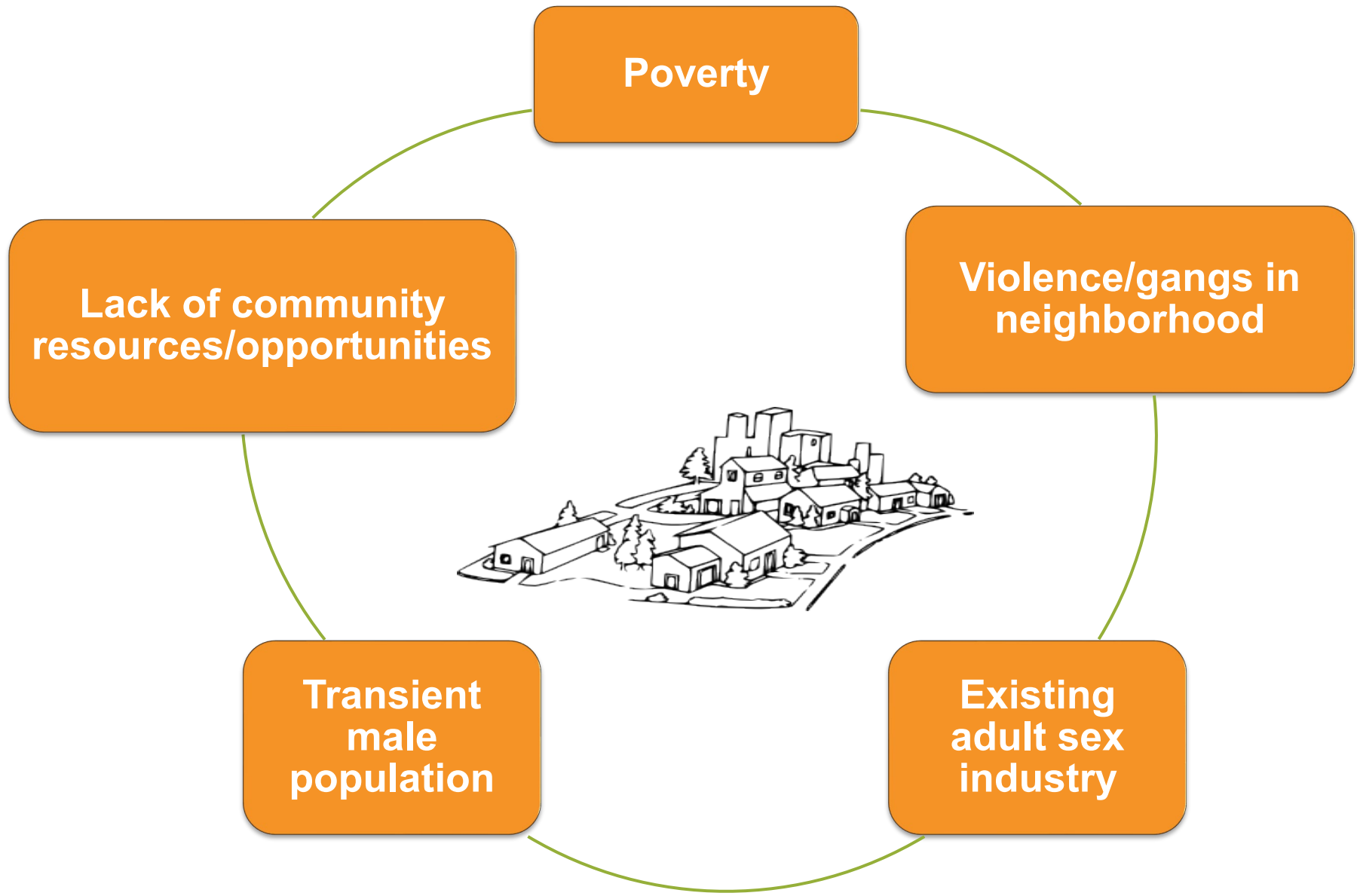
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- At least 8,000 victims/survivors per year in San Diego County
- 15-16 years old is the average age of entry
- Majority of victims/survivors born here
 - 20% of trafficking victims are from Mexico and ten other countries



RISK FACTORS: ENVIRONMENTAL





SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF BOYS



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- Research shows that as high as 50% of CSEC in the United States are boys (Curtis, et al, 2008)
- Boys are at high risk of engaging in survival sex
- Boys are largely recruited by friends or peers and do not commonly have pimps
- Boys are typically bought by adult males
- The average age of entry into sexual exploitation is between 11-13 years old

CHALLENGES OF EXPLOITED BOYS

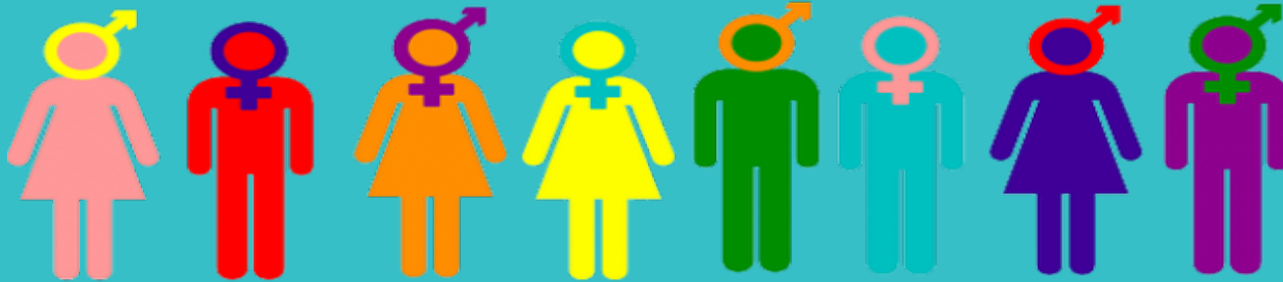


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- Unwillingness of boys to self-identify as CSEC due to shame and stigma about being gay or being perceived as gay by family and community
- Lack of screening and intake by law enforcement and social services agencies
- Limited outreach
- Homophobia



SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF LGBTQ+ YOUTH



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- Rejection of youth's sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression (SOGIE) by parents and peers leads to increased homelessness
- Twice as likely to have a history of running away or being kicked out of the home
- Seven times more likely to be detained or incarcerated for exchanging sex acts for money

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- More likely to be criminalized and detained for minor offenses
- The average age that youth began exchanging sex for money and/or material goods is 17 years old.
 - Though, the age of entry ranged from 7 to 22 years old
- May not fit traditional model of pimp-controlled or gang-controlled sex trafficking
- Exploitation by a house parent or in exchange for basic needs
- Sexual activity may or may not be consistent with their identity

CHALLENGES LGBTQ+ YOUTH FACE



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- **Discrimination** from family, peer groups, and society
- **Exclusion** from services and resources
- **Abuse** from their home of origin and also in foster homes and group homes



THE CULTURE OF “THE LIFE”



WAY OF LIFE IN “THE LIFE”



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- **Manipulation**
- **Illusion of family**
 - Pimp = boyfriend, support person, father figure, role model, connection, bank manager, plans their future together, affection, security
- **How she feels:**
 - Cute, traveled, independent (don't have to rely on programs or family), accomplished, appreciated, special, has money and not in survival mode all the time
- **Substance use**
- **Violence**
 - Actual and assumed
 - Emotional and physical

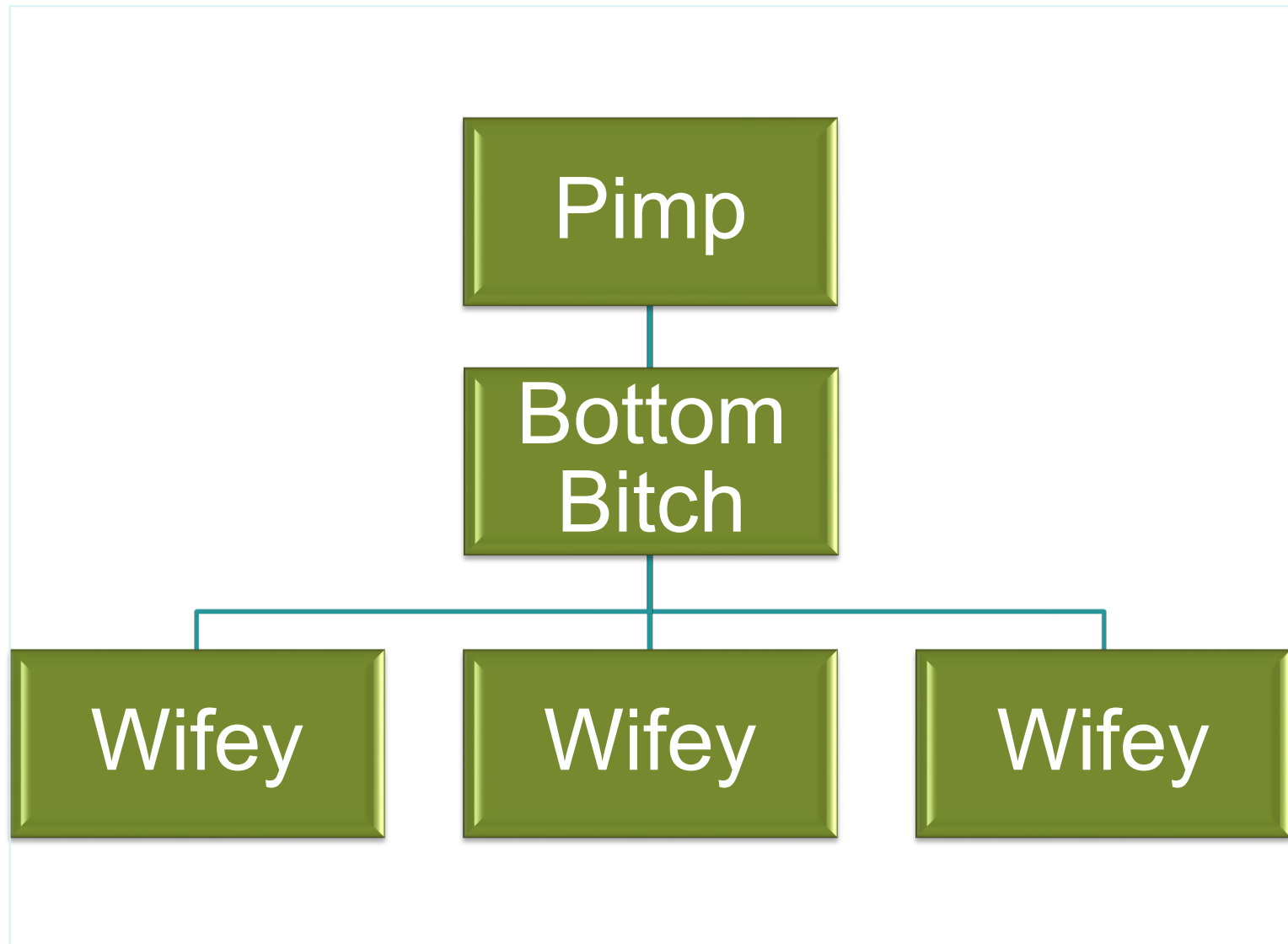
COMMON TERMS USED



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- Pimp/Boyfriend/Daddy/Manager
- Trick/John/Date
- The Game/The Life
- Circuit/Track/Blade/Buli
- Bottom Bitch/Ho/Strollie
- Choosing up
- Trap House
- Stable
- Wifey/Sister Wife/Wife in Law
- Family/Folks/Squad
- Out of Pocket
- Working/"Trappin"
- Rack/Dough
- Posting/Backpage/Red book
- Telly
- THOT or "Thottie"
- Square

TRADITIONAL HIERARCHY OF “THE LIFE”



MINDSET OF A SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH



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- **Youth do not identify as victims**
- **Coached/manipulated**
 - Youth may fabricate their history with scripted stories
 - Taught to distrust service professionals and law enforcement
- **Trauma Bonded**
 - Deep loyalty to the trafficker and the stable/family
 - Grateful that they have not been killed yet
 - Fear for their safety and the safety of loved ones
- **Self-blame**
 - Feelings of worthlessness and shame
 - Feel “deserving” to be treated poorly by the exploiters and buyers

RECRUITMENT HOTSPOTS



- Trolley and bus stops
- House parties
- Neighborhood parks near schools
- Middle and High schools
- El Cajon Blvd
- Social media
- Online games
- Online apps
- Tattoo parlors
- Malls
- Churches





WARNING SIGNS



GENERAL WARNING SIGNS



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- Explicit sexual online profile via internet community sites such as Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat
- Dating apps on their phone
- Unrelenting attachment to phone
- Prepaid credit cards, hotel/motel key cards
- Presence of older “boyfriend” or peer
- Lack of identification, appearance does not match age stated
- Change in dress and general appearance (nails and hair done)
- New items (cell phone, clothing, jewelry)
- Not going to school/not coming home
- New tattoos

BRANDING



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INTERSECTION OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES AND CSEC





“Being in foster care was the perfect training for commercial sexual exploitation. I was used to being moved without warning, without any say, not knowing where I was going or whether I was allowed to pack my clothes. After years in foster care, I didn’t think anyone would want to take care of me unless they were paid. So, when my pimp expected me to make money to support ‘the family’, it made sense to me.”

- Former foster youth

MANDATED REPORTING LAW

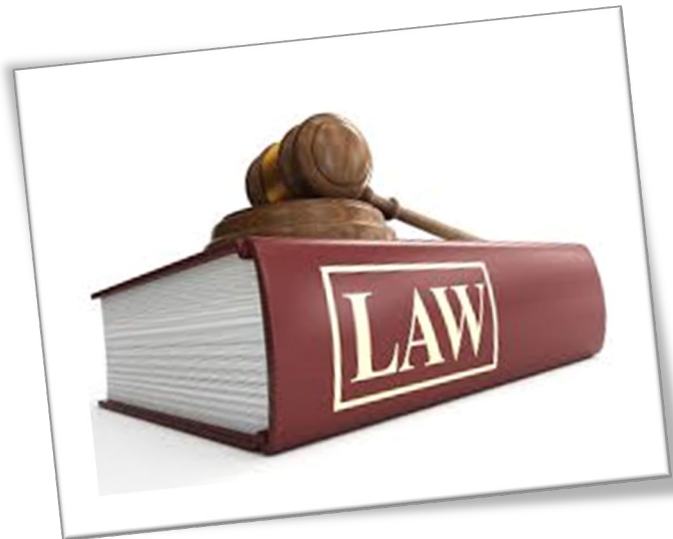


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- Effective Jan 1, 2016
- Mandated Reporting Law amended to include CSEC
- Call Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-344-6000



- Brings sex trafficking of children under our jurisdiction
- General Neglect – failure to protect or to provide





- Steering Committee
- Establishes procedures for investigations and case management services
- Screening tool: Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT)
- Multi-disciplinary Team meetings
- Prevention via interaction with social workers

MANDATED REPORTING



Child Abuse Hotline:

1-800-344-6000

Law Enforcement Hotline:

1-888-242-5722





RESOURCES IN SAN DIEGO

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/
ADVOCACY**

La Maestra Community Health Center:
Medical and Services for Immigrants
victims of Trafficking (Labor and sex)
www.la-maestra.org/trafficking
(619) 595-3575

Children Center for Children and Families:
Medical Services and SART centers for minor
victims of CSEC. Additional services include
harmful interventions and counseling, trauma,
San Diego County Health and Human Services, 3744 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161
(619) 595-5585

Change in Action: Program provides access
to victim services, case reviews through local
law enforcement, and legal advocacy.
Helps to survivors of sexual exploitation,
domestic violence, and sexual assault. Survivors
are recruited from law enforcement, government
and non-governmental agencies for victims who
must not affect their services on their own.
Law enforcement services available for
those who do not qualify for previous services.
Law Enforcement, 1000 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161
(619) 595-5585

Casa Camella Law Center (CCLC): A
501(c)(3) public interest law firm providing
legal and forensic investigation legal services
to migrant victims of human and civil rights
violations, including trafficking survivors.
San Diego Information Center (SDIC) 311-7786

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
Hotline 1-800-344-6000
* Call Child Abuse Hotline when you suspect a
child is being trafficked.
Reports can be made 24/7.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY
Victim Advocate Specialist
(619) 251-8056

**SAN DIEGO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
TASK-FORCE**
(619) 495-3411

The San Diego HTTF was formed in January
2016 and is a collaborative effort involving 14
different local, state and federal law enforcement
and prosecutive agencies and nonprofits in
order to combat human trafficking. The HTTF utilizes
the model advanced by the U.S. and California
Department of Justice in supporting central
human trafficking through the 4 P's: Prevention,
Prosecution, Protection and Partnership.

FBI/CHILD EXPLOITATION TASK-FORCE
Victim Specialist
(619) 550-8078
FBI/CEFT Supervisor
(619) 550-8549

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FOR
CSEC AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS**

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1 (888) 373-7888

GET HELP. Report a Tip. Request Services.



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Gateways to Safety

“There is always one
moment in childhood
when the door opens
and lets the future in.”
-Deepak Chopra



CONTACT INFORMATION



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