

JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or a position of vulnerability, of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.

WHAT'S CDSS DOING TO ADDRESS CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING?

At the direction of the Governor's Office, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has established a Child Labor Trafficking Work Group comprised of state and national experts, policymakers, victims, providers, advocates and others. The knowledge shared and research compiled will combat child labor trafficking.

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

Children who are sex trafficked are more commonly known as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children. It is estimated that as many as 12,500 children are already Commercially Sexually Exploited within the state of California alone. It is believed that 50-80% of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children are or were formerly involved with the child welfare system; exploiters target foster and group homes to recruit victims. Children at the greatest risk are runaways, those who have a history of sexual abuse, and youth identifying as LGBTQ.

WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN?

The [Child Welfare Council](#) established the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Action Team in June 2013. The Action Team leads the state in bringing together a diverse set of partners to develop a coordinated response to the commercial exploitation of children.

CDSS created a Coordinated Community Response Unit to integrate policy, participate in collaborative efforts with diverse partners, and develop programs to identify and support at-risk children.

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Legislation was passed at the [state](#) and [federal](#) levels to better identify and understand the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children population and to prevent and intervene when such victimization and exploitation of children occur.

The State of California invested \$5 million in 2014-15 to support counties' work to prevent exploitation and serve victims. CDSS oversees the investment and the implementation of the legislation through programs that enable social workers, probation officers, group home leaders and foster parents – those closest to children and teens most at risk – to identify and support these victims. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) is working with partners and the Child Welfare Council Action Team in efforts to prevent children from ever being exploited.

CHILD TRAFFICKING FACTS*



It is estimated that more than [300,000](#) children are at risk of being commercially sexually exploited across the nation, with California being home to 3 of the most problematic child trafficking regions: [Los Angeles](#), [San Francisco Bay Area](#), and [San Diego](#)

95%

Nearly 95% of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children victims in the US are female.

72%

Children made up 72% of labor trafficking cases involving peddling rings nationwide.

25%

One-fourth of children with Internet access in the US have been solicited by online predators at least once.

For additional information on California's Coordinated Community Response contact:
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*Sources: [CSEC in North America](#); [CSEC/Trafficking](#); [Trafficking Trends](#); [Online Sexual solicitations](#)