

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH  
AGENCY, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, AND IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS FOR THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN**

For cooperation relating to the mutual goal of identifying, and serving victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and at risk youth in San Luis Obispo County.

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MOU", shall stand as an agreement that the above parties will participate in an exchange of services between the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Collaborative Response Team.

In addition to the above parties, the following agencies will be participating as additional parties to the Memorandum of Understanding:

- o San Luis Obispo County District Attorney
- o San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office
- o San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
- o Family Care Network, INC
- o RISE

The crime of CSEC and Human Trafficking requires a comprehensive and collaborative response between law enforcement, service providers and the community. This CSEC MOU sets out the principles underlying the relationship between the parties in matters concerning the planning and delivery of law enforcement investigations, victim-centered services and promoting public awareness. By signing this MOU, the signing party agrees to:

**As to San Luis Obispo County's Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program**

WHEREAS, an individual who is a commercially sexually exploited child (CSEC) or sexually trafficked, as described in Section 236.1 of the California Penal Code, or who receives food or shelter in exchange for, or who is paid to perform, sexual acts described in Section 236.1 or 11165.1 of the California Penal Code, and whose parent or guardian failed to, or was unable to protect the child, is a commercially sexually exploited child and may be served through the San Luis Obispo County child welfare system pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300(b)(2); and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County elected to participate in the CSEC Program as described in Section 16524.7 of California Welfare and Institutions Code in order to more effectively serve CSEC by utilizing a multidisciplinary approach for case management, service planning, and the provision of services; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Court, San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services, San Luis Obispo County Probation Department, San Luis Obispo County Health Agency, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, and Community-Based Agencies have developed the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to guide County's approach to serving CSEC; and

WHEREAS, the MOU reflects the County and the parties' commitment to the following guiding principles:

- A. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children:
  - 1. Must be understood as child abuse and reported as such, and
  - 2. Should not be criminalized.
- B. Responses to CSEC should be:
  - 1. Victim-centered,
  - 2. Trauma-informed,

3. Strengths-based,
4. Developmentally appropriate,
5. Culturally, linguistically, and LGBTQ competent and affirming,
6. Committed to active efforts that engage CSEC early and often,
7. Multidisciplinary, individualized, flexible, and timely, and
8. Data and outcome driven.

C. Agency Policies & Procedures should:

1. Ensure and track cross-system collaboration at the system and individual case level,
2. Incorporate mechanisms to identify and assess CSEC at key decision points,
3. Address the unique physical and emotional safety considerations of CSEC, and
4. Address unique physical and emotional safety considerations, including vicarious
5. Address trauma of staff, caregivers, and other relevant support persons.

WHEREAS, the parties agree to form a CSEC Steering Committee to provide ongoing oversight and support to ensure the county agencies and partners effectively collaborate to better identify and serve victims of commercial sexual exploitation and children at risk of becoming exploited; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to form a multidisciplinary team (MDT), pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16524.7(d)(2) for CSEC, to build on a youth's strengths and respond to his/her needs in a coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 18960-18964 state a county may establish a child abuse multidisciplinary personnel team (MDT) within the county to allow provider agencies to share confidential information in order for provider agencies to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect pursuant to California Penal Code Section 11160, 11166, or 11166.05, or for the purposes of child welfare agencies making a detention determination; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the information they receive from other parties concerning a child that is obtained during the identification and assessment process or during a multidisciplinary team meeting shall be used solely for prevention, identification, and treatment purposes and shall otherwise be confidential and retained in the files of the entity performing the screening or assessment. Such information shall not be subject to subpoena or other court process for use in any other proceeding or for any other purpose pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18961.7(c); and

WHEREAS, the parties, as defined by law, must comply with mandatory reporting guidelines as defined by California Penal Code Sections 11164 – 11174.3 and report known or suspected child abuse and neglect, which includes sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, this MOU defines the mutually agreed upon responsibilities of each of the parties under the CSEC Program pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16524.7. This MOU is not intended to establish legal duties or otherwise alter the respective responsibilities of the parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties of this MOU set forth the following as the terms and conditions of their understanding:

**I. CSEC Governance**

- A. Children's Services Network (CSN) which consists of the top Child Welfare, San Luis Obispo County Health Agency (Substance Abuse & Mental Health), Law Enforcement, Public Health, District Attorney, Probation, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Juvenile Justice, Child Abuse Prevention Agency, and other Community Stakeholders serve as the governance committee for the San Luis Obispo CSEC Collaborative.

1. In order to ensure San Luis Obispo County effectively implements the CSEC Program, the Children's Services Network (CSN) has agreed to serve as the CSEC Collaborative Governance Committee.

2. CSN Members include:

- Ian Parkinson, Chair, SLO County Sheriff's Office
- Dr. James Brescia, Vice Chair, County Office of Education
- Jill Bolster-White, Director, Transitions Mental Health Association
- Lee W. Collins, Director, Department of Social Services
- Dan Dow, District Attorney, SLO County District Attorney
- Lisa Fraser, Director, Center for Strengthening Families
- Jeff Ham, Director, Public Health Agency
- Kayla Plourde, Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissioner
- Jim Roberts, Director, Family Care Network, Inc.
- Jim Salio, Chief, Probation
- Elizabeth Steinberg, Director, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo
- Tracy Schiro, Assistant Director/ CSN Coordinator, Department of Social Services

3. CSN will serve as an oversight committee to provide leadership to the CSEC Collaborative in dealing with at-risk and CSEC victims. CSN will provide a forum for clarifying expectations, coordination and cooperation among the CSEC Collaborative agencies. As the CSEC Governance committee, CSN will also establish priorities for interagency projects; implementing CSEC collaborative programs to better serve youth in San Luis Obispo County.

B. CSEC Collaborative

1. In order to ensure San Luis Obispo County effectively implements the CSEC Program, the San Luis Obispo CSEC Collaborative has been formed to provide ongoing communication, collaboration and cooperation to ensure county agencies and partners effectively develop policy, procedures, and build local capacity to better identify and serve youth who are at risk of or have been commercially sexually exploited.

2. The following agencies have agreed to participate in the San Luis Obispo County CSEC Collaborative:

- San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services - Lead
  - Child Welfare Services
  - Adult Services
  - Participant Services
- San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Probation
- San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Court
- San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office
- San Luis Obispo County Health Agency
  - Drug and Alcohol Services
  - Mental Health Services
  - Public Health Services
    - Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART)
- San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office
  - San Luis Obispo County Victim Witness
- Runaway Girl, Inc.
- Atascadero Bible Church
- Community Action Partners of San Luis Obispo
- Department of Homeland Security
- Family Care Network Incorporated

- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Immigration Services
- Mountainbrook Abolitionists
- RISE
- Restorative Partners
- Women's Shelter Program

3. The purpose of the CSEC Collaborative is to:

- a. Develop the Interagency CSEC Protocol.
- b. Develop the Interagency CSEC MOU.
- c. Oversee the implementation of the CSEC MOU.
- d. Collect and analyze data related to CSEC.
- e. Revise the CSEC Protocol and MOU as needed on an ongoing basis.
- f. Assess the sufficiency of CSEC-specific resources in the county.
- g. Identify necessary training and ensuring such training occurs.
- h. Collaborate with community agencies to build capacity to serve at-risk youth and CSEC victims.
- i. Form subcommittees to meet emerging demands, such as the MDT and Youth Subcommittees.
- j. Provide an annual report to the State in compliance with the State and Federal requirements.

4. CSEC Collaborative Roles and Responsibilities:

- a. Child Welfare Services will:
  - 1) Convene and serve as lead agency of the CSEC Collaborative.
  - 2) Provide staff to coordinate the CSEC Collaborative and technical support for meetings, trainings, documents, outreach, and data collection.
  - 3) Facilitate the completion of the CSEC CWS Program Annual Report.
- b. Other participating agencies will:
  - 1) Identify an agency representative to participate in CSEC Collaborative Meetings.
  - 2) Ensure staff members receive training on CSEC/Human Trafficking 101 and the local CSEC Screening Tool and Protocol.
  - 3) When appropriate, utilize the local CSEC Screening Tool and Protocol to identify and serve commercially sexually exploited children and those at risk for such exploitation.
  - 4) Submit the CSEC Screening Tool to Child Welfare for data collection.

## II. CSEC Identification

A. Two screening processes will be used by Child Welfare Services to identify at-risk and sexually exploited children and those at risk for such exploitation.

1. Child Welfare Services will pilot the WestCoast Children's Clinic Commercial Sexual Exploitation –Identification Tool (CSE-IT) and a shorter version of the SLO County CSEC Screening Tool to identify whether children and youth have been commercially sexually exploited, are being commercially sexually exploited, or are at risk of becoming commercially sexually exploited. Copies of the SLO County Screening Tools and CSE-IT are attached as an appendix to this MOU.

- a. Child Welfare Services Hotline staff will utilize a shorter version of the SLO County CSEC Screening Tool to assist in processing referrals with

- allegations of exploitation.
  - b. Emergency Response Social Workers and Case Carrying Social Workers will be using the CSE-IT to screen youth assigned to their caseloads.
  - c. Child Welfare Services staff will be completing the CSE-IT on a web based system managed by WestCoast Children's Clinic (WCCC).
- 2. San Luis Obispo County Probation, San Luis Obispo County Health Agencies, and the Collaborative Agencies will utilize the SLO County CSEC Screening Tool.
  - a. Probation will be using a shorter version of the SLO County CSEC Screening Tool to screen all youth entering the Juvenile Hall.
- 3. The CSEC Collaborative will continue to provide training to assist community agencies with using the CSEC Screening Tool and developing tools in using trauma informed and developmentally appropriate language to engage a youth about CSEC.
- 4. The CSEC Collaborative Agencies agree that the information and statements obtained from the youth as part of the screening process will be maintained, disclosed and used only as follows and in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
  - a. Each agency agrees to submit all completed SLO County CSEC Screening Tools with the youth's name redacted to the Department of Social Services. The purpose for this will be to track the number of youth screened, screened results, resources utilized, gaps in resources in a local CSEC Database.
  - b. If the CSEC Screening Tool identifies a youth to be at high risk or a victim of CSE the agency will submit a SCAR and attach the Screening Tool.

### **III. Youth Assessment**

1. The CSEC Collaborative agencies agree that an assessment of an exploited youth's needs and strengths must take place upon identification and on an ongoing basis. Further, the agencies agree that it is in the youth's best interest to limit unnecessary and or duplicate assessments. Accordingly, the parties will coordinate to ensure that assessments are streamlined and limited when appropriate.
  - a. Identified CSEC victims will be referred to San Luis Obispo County Health Agency for a mental health evaluation. San Luis Obispo County Health Agency will be using the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment as one of the tools for this evaluation.
2. Child Welfare Services will utilize the CSE-IT and Structured Decision Making (SDM) tools in assessing an identified victim or child at risk of commercial sexual exploitation when an allegation of abuse or neglect is investigated, upon a change in placement, and/or every six months to monitor progress.
3. San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Probation will be assessing an identified victim or child at risk of commercial sexual exploitation when a child/youth enters the Juvenile Hall, upon a change in placement, and/or every six months to monitor progress.
4. Assessments will be shared at the CSEC Wraparound Child and Family Team Meeting.
5. The CSEC Collaborative Agencies agree that the information and statements obtained from the youth as part of the assessment process will be maintained, disclosed, and used only in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

### **IV. Immediate Multidisciplinary Response**

1. In addition to the youth and family (if appropriate), the following agencies are identified as the Immediate Crisis CSEC Collaborative MDT Response Team. These agencies agree to provide a rapid response, within 2 hours, as well as intensive ongoing support through the first 72 hours post-identification.

- a. Law Enforcement (LE) – Should implement their standard notification procedures for notification of CWS, SART, RISE and Probation if appropriate, when a CSE youth is identified.
  - b. Child Welfare Services – CWS will provide an Immediate Response to all exploitation/CSEC referrals by LE. CWS will conduct a safety assessment, assess the basic and medical needs of the CSE youth, collaborate with LE and SART to address and respond to medical needs and determine most appropriate placement for the youth. Ensure a safety plan is established. Schedule a comprehensive mental health evaluation with San Luis Obispo County Health Agency.
  - c. Department of Public Health's Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART) – The Nurse or Physician will engage the youth to offer a medical exam and/or forensic exam with the youth's approval.
  - d. RISE – An advocate will respond to offer assistance and accompany the youth during the SART exam and LE interview. The advocate will also collaborate with the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney Office Crime Victim Witness Unit to provide support to the victim and the family of the CSE youth.
  - e. Additional agencies may be added based on the specific needs of the child/youth.
  - f. Depending on jurisdiction, Child Welfare or Probation as the lead agency will ensure the youth is aware how information will be shared and how confidentiality is being addressed.
  - g. Cross reports will be completed if applicable between agencies.
2. For non-urgent situations, the CSEC Collaborative agencies agree to coordinate and participate in engaging the child/youth within 3-5 days, assess the child, coordinate treatment and services, and plan for safety in non-urgent situations, including:
    - a. Assembling a MDT within 10 days, the team will include individuals connected to the child's life to plan for the child's placement, safety, and well-being,
    - b. Ensuring basic needs are met such as food, clothing, and appropriate placement,
    - c. Assessing and addressing immediate and long-term needs,
    - d. Providing an interagency coordinated case plan approach to serving the child and the child's family or caregiver,
    - e. Developing a safety plan that will address:
      - 1) Potential risk for the child, the family, and the providers,
      - 2) Trauma triggers that may cause a youth to engage in unsafe behavior,
      - 3) Coping skills the youth can use to de-escalate,
      - 4) Delineating and documenting responsibilities of team members in the event a youth exhibits unsafe behaviors,
      - 5) Meaningfully involving youth in planning and decision-making.
  3. The CSEC Collaborative agencies participating in the MDT will be dependent on the needs on the child. Core members that will be participating in CSEC MDTs will be the child and parent/caregiver (if appropriate), LE, CWS, San Luis Obispo County Health Agency, and community or survivor advocate.
  4. The CSEC Collaborative agencies agree that children who are identified victims of sexual exploitation or trafficking require ongoing and long-term multidisciplinary team support to monitor the youth and ensure his/her needs are adequately addressed.

- 1) An ongoing schedule based on the child's need,
  - 2) Requests by the child, family, or provider,
  - 3) Further refining the case plan,
  - 4) Discussing potential changes in placement,
  - 5) When a youth runs away from placement/home/shelter, and
  - 6) Review and amend Safety Plan.
5. The CSEC Collaborative agencies agree that the information and statements obtained from the youth as part of the MDT process will be maintained, disclosed, and used only in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

V. Information Sharing and Confidentiality

1. The CSEC Collaborative agencies agree the information will be shared and used by parties in a manner that complies with state and federal laws, and ethical considerations governing confidentiality, including re-disclosure and privilege, and that does not violate the youth's due process rights as responders or defendants in delinquency, criminal, summary offense, status offense, and child welfare cases, including the rights against self-incrimination.
2. Agency staff must complete the SLO County MDT training to obtain become familiar with federal, state, and local confidentiality mandates.
3. A Confidential Release of Information will be read and signed before each meeting to ensure everyone is understands the confidentiality mandates.
4. For addition information sharing the DSS 815 Multi Service Agency Release of Information form or specific agency's release of information documents may be utilized to share information or make additional referrals for resources/services.

VI. General Provisions

This MOU shall be effective October 1, 2015, and will remain in effect until September 30, 2016 or as subsequently amended, with automatic renewals each subsequent year for a total of five years through September 30, 2021.

1. Any party may terminate its participation in the MOU by giving ninety-day (90-day) prior notice to the other parties.
2. It is mutually agreed that for any material change this MOU may be modified or amended upon the written mutual consent of the parties hereto.
3. For any non-material change, a written request by e-mail from one party to the CWS Program Manager from CWS must be made. The CWS Program Manager will distribute the request to the affected Parties, who will have five (5) business days to approve or deny the request; a non-response will be considered approval. Once approved by the other affected Parties, a Change Notice may be issued and signed by the CWS Program Manager. Any disputes will be mediated through the CSN Governance Committee.

We, the undersigned, understand that this MOU is a statement of intent to work cooperatively toward a MDT and comprehensive CSEC children's system of care. We further certify that staff assigned to or participating in the CSEC MDT Response has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Education Code Section 44237 (g) and that all Department of Justice fingerprinting requirements mandated by Education Code Section 45125.1 have been met.

Department of Social Services of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Tracy Schiro 9/30/15  
Tracy Schiro, Assistant Director of Child Welfare Services Date

Juvenile Court of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Linda Hurst 10/1/15  
Linda Hurst, Presiding Judge Date

District Attorney's Office of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Dan Dow 9/30/2015  
Dan Dow, District Attorney Date

Probation of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Jim Salio 9/30/15  
Jim Salio, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Date

Sheriff Department of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Ian Parkinson FOR SHERIFF PARKINSONS 9/30/15  
Ian Parkinson, Sheriff Date

Health Agency of San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Jeff Hamm 9/30/15  
Jeff Hamm, Director Date

Family Care Network, INC

/s/ Jim Roberts 9/30/15  
Jim Roberts, Chief Executive Officer Date

RISE

/s/

*Jennifer Adams*

*10-1-15*

Jennifer Adams, Executive Director

Date

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

/s/

*James J. Brescia*

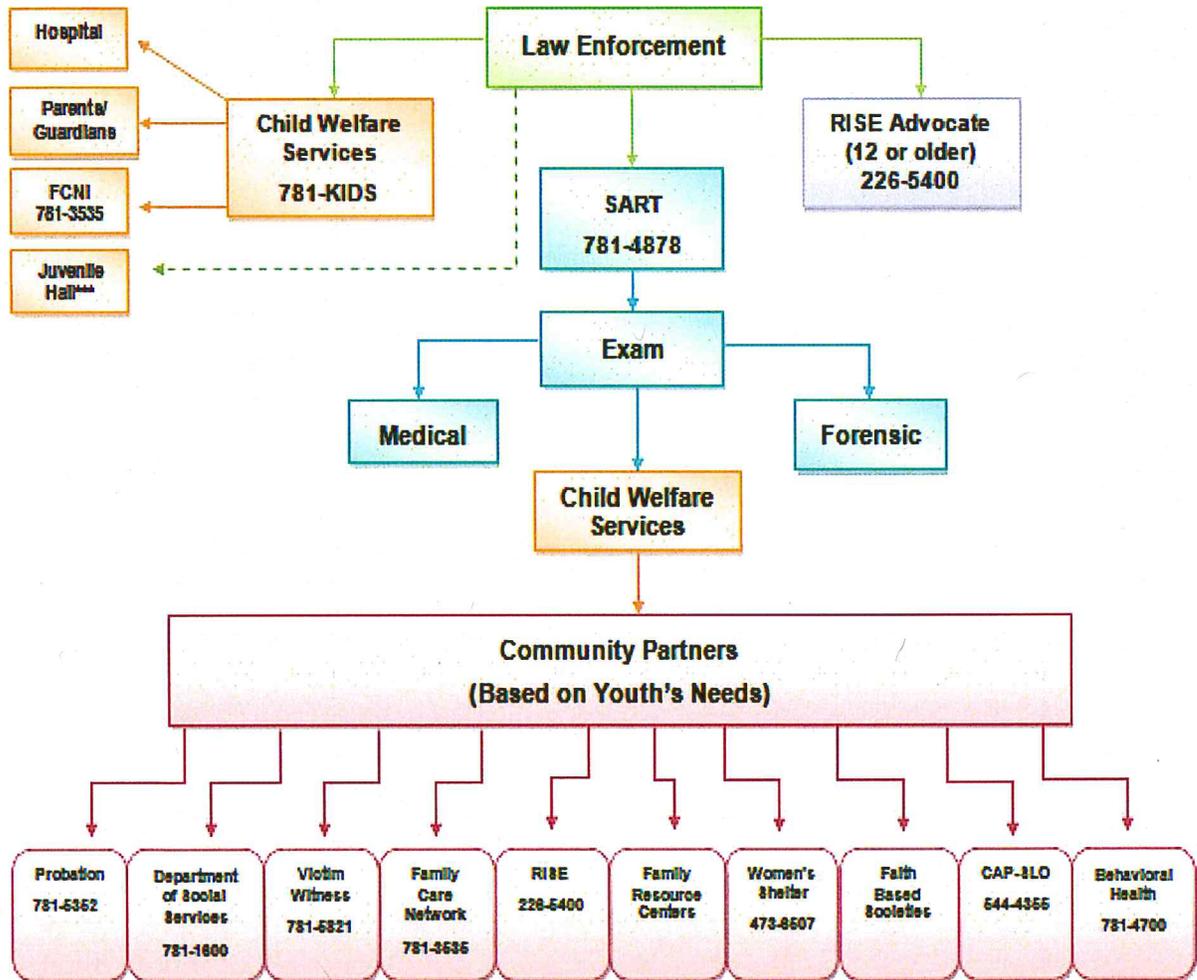
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Dr. James Brescia, Superintendent

Date

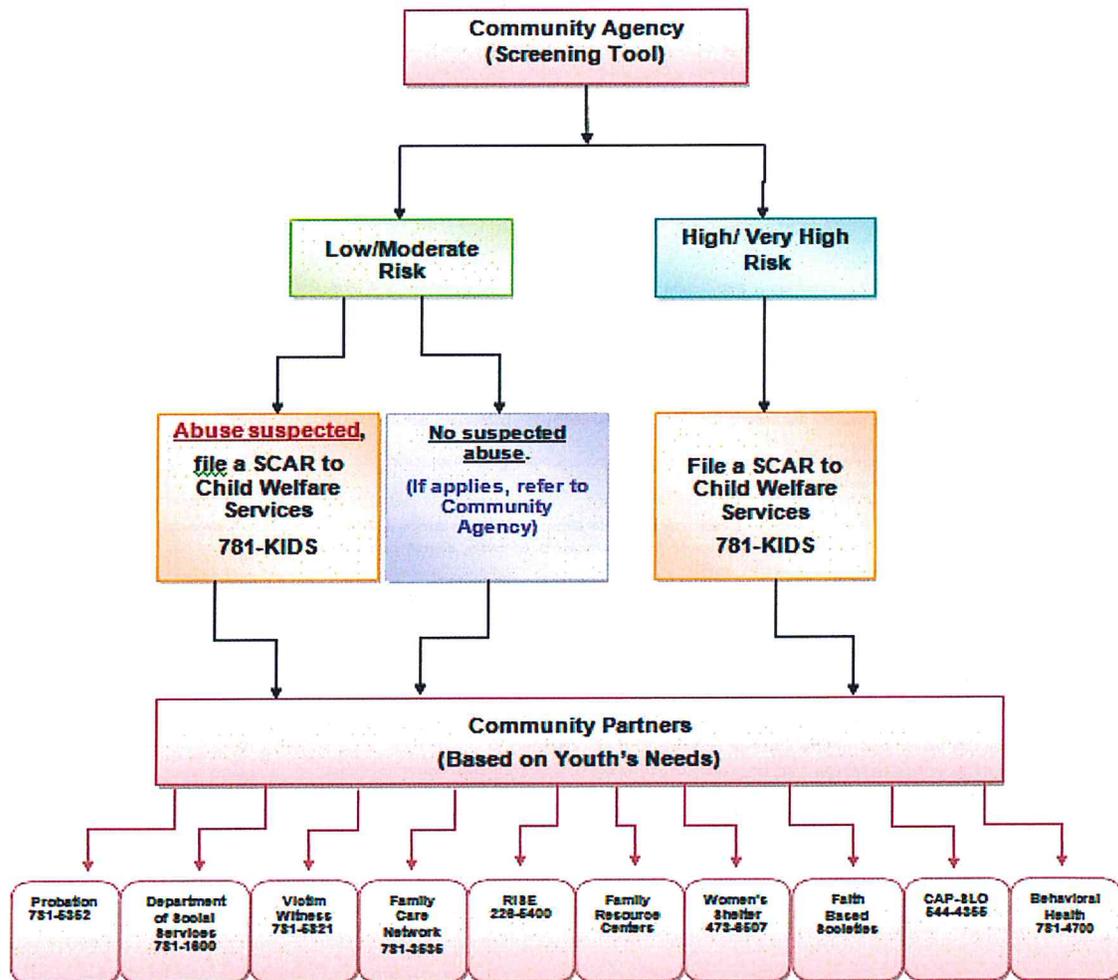
# Appendix 1

## CSEC Collaborative Response Team Flowchart



# Appendix 2

## Community Agency Response Flowchart



# Appendix 3

## WestCoast Children's Clinic Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) – Pilot Version

<b>1. Instability in Life Functioning.</b> The youth lacks access to basic needs, including stable shelter and is unable to engage in activities expected of her/his age (e.g., school).	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
<b>Note: Item ratings <math>\geq 4</math> indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings <math>\geq 6</math> indicate Clear Concern.</b>			
a. Does the youth have a history of running away from home, AWOL, being thrown out of the home?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth experience unstable housing, including multiple foster care placements?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth experience periods of homelessness, including living on the street or couch surfing?	0	1	2
d. Does the youth access social services or community resources to meet basic needs (e.g., hygiene, shelter, food, medical care)?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth miss a lot of school?	0	1	2
f. Has the youth had involvement (currently or in the past) with law enforcement, juvenile justice, or child welfare?	0	1	2
<b>2. Relationships.</b> The youth's relationships are concerning, placing him/her at risk or in danger.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
<b>Note: Item ratings <math>\geq 2</math> indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings <math>\geq 4</math> indicate Clear Concern.</b>			
a. Does the youth spend time with people (including family members or peers) known to be involved in the sex trade?	0	1	2
b. Is the youth's parent/caregiver unable to provide adequate supervision?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth have unhealthy or inappropriate relationships (including inappropriate boundaries) with someone much older/an adult?	0	1	2
d. Is the youth in a romantic relationship with someone much older/an adult?	0	1	2
<b>3. Finances and Belongings.</b> The youth has money or materials goods that are incongruent with his/her life circumstances.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
<b>Note: Item ratings <math>\geq 1</math> indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings <math>\geq 2</math> indicate Clear Concern.</b>			
a. Does the youth receive or have access to large amounts of cash, credit cards, pre-paid cash cards, hotel keys, gifts, cars?	0	1	2
b. Is the youth's dress or appearance atypical of his/her age or peer group?	0	1	2
c. Is the youth's dress or appearance inconsistent with the weather or situation?	0	1	2
<b>4. Use of Technology.</b> The youth's use of internet, cell phone, or social media involves social or sexual behavior that is atypical for his/her age.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
<b>Note: Item ratings <math>\geq 3</math> indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings <math>\geq 5</math> indicate Clear Concern</b>			
a. Does the youth use online sites or apps to find sex partners?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth describe meeting his/her long-term, adult boy/girlfriend on the internet?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth describe meeting in person with a contact developed over the internet?	0	1	2
d. Are there explicit photos of the youth posted on the internet?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth have explicit photos of him/herself on his/her phone?	0	1	2
f. Does the youth have several cell phones, and/or does the youth's cell phone number change frequently?	0	1	2

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# Appendix 4

## San Luis Obispo County CSEC Collaborative Response Team Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

### SCREENING TOOL

Please take a few minutes to fill out this form; one for each youth on your caseload. If you do not have time to complete for every youth, please at least preview this tool and complete for those you feel are at highest risk. Thank you in advance for your participation as this tool will help us identify the youth who are most impacted by the sexual exploitation industry.

Screening Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Has unexplained absences from school for an extensive period of time.  Yes  No  Unknown
2. Chronically runs away from home/placement.  Yes  No  Unknown
3. Makes references to frequent travel to other cities.  Yes  No  Unknown
4. Knows someone who has had sex for drugs, shelter, food, goods, or money.  Yes  No  Unknown
5. Makes references to an older "boyfriend / girlfriend".  Yes  No  Unknown
6. Makes reference or is participating in an online relationship, and has not met the person face-to-face.  Yes  No  Unknown
7. Criminal Record / Arrest History / Juvenile Probation.  Yes  No  Unknown
8. Gang Affiliation.  Yes  No  Unknown
9. History of Child Welfare Services.  Yes  No  Unknown
10. Victim of sexual abuse.  Yes  No  Unknown
11. Exhibits bruises or other forms of physical trauma.  Yes  No  Unknown
12. Exhibits psychological stressors: withdrawn behavior, low self-esteem, depression, fear, and evidence of self harm.  Yes  No  Unknown
13. Lacks control over her/his schedule or identification documents.  Yes  No  Unknown
14. Makes references to or appears to be malnourished.  Yes  No  Unknown
15. Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, behavior or material possessions (expensive items or multiple cell phones) / or is inappropriately dressed (provocative style, based on weather conditions).  Yes  No  Unknown
16. Makes reference of substance use/abuse.  Yes  No  Unknown
17. Makes references to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms (developmental aged).  Yes  No  Unknown
18. Makes references to terminology of the commercial sex industry.  Yes  No  Unknown
19. Identifies themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex (LGBTQQI).  Yes  No  Unknown
20. Tattoos in noticeable areas (often names).  Yes  No  Unknown
21. Personal art drawn depicting sexual situations, pain (broken hearts/tear drops), dollar signs, and/or scripture.  Yes  No  Unknown
22. The youth is a minor parent.  Yes  No  Unknown

2/7/15 CSEC Screening Tool

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## San Luis Obispo County CSEC Collaborative Response Team Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

### RISK ASSESSMENT

I. Assessment- When marked "Yes", each of the risk factors listed on the screening tool has a ranking from 1-3 as followed:

- Questions 1-15 = 3
- Questions 16-17 = 2
- Questions 18-22 = 1

Total:  / Please see Overrides section below for items unknown.

II. The sum of all items is then used to determine the level of potential/current risk.

- 28-54 = High/ Very High
- 0-27 = Low/ Moderate Risk
- None – No action needed
- Override:

III. Overrides- to be considered for increased level of risk

- a.  If a third or more of the risk factors are identified
- b.  If the youth is 10-14 years old and at least 1 risk factor in each category is identified
- c.  If the youth is 12 or younger and has went AWOL at any point
- d.  References terminology of the commercial sex industry
- e.  If the youth has 3 or more items in the high risk category

IV. Referral to Child Welfare Services:

- SCAR made to Child Welfare Services  
Date submitted:
- No SCAR needed

V. Referral(s) made for the youth to receive services with local community partner(s):

Yes  No

Referred date:

Local agency referred to:

VI. Submitted tool with name redacted to Department of Social Services - Belinda Benassi (email: [bbenassi@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:bbenassi@co.slo.ca.us) or fax: (805) 781-1846)  Yes  No

VII. Comments