

Universal Screening in King County Juvenile and Family Court Becca Programs Overview

Why?

- Even without a formalized universal screening program, from **April 2014** through **March 2018**, Juvenile Court referred **159 youth** to community-based services for trafficking survivors/victims.
- We knew we were under referring boys and male identified youth to services.
- We wanted to identify youth earlier and provide more opportunities to connect with community-based services. Dr. Boyer's [2019 report](#) indicated that youth often went years before getting services.
- We wanted to honor Rebecca Hedman and the intention of the "Becca Bill" and integrate Juvenile and Becca Programs.

How?

- In April 2021, CSEC Policy & Program Manager was the sole employee in the CSEC Program. She successfully received **federal funding** via the 2021 OVC FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking solicitation.
- This funding allowed for:
 - **Hiring of the CSEC Coordinator and Screener**
 - Additional Training Content
 - Training of CSEC Coordinator & Screener and CSEC Policy and Program Manager and select others to be trained to use the [CSE-IT](#)
- Prior to using the CSE-IT approximately 3% of youth in Juvenile Court/Family Court were referred to CSEC specific services. Currently approximately 10% of youth in Juvenile Court/Family Court Becca Programs are referred to CSEC specific services.

Selecting a Tool

- [CSE-IT](#) WestCoast's *Commercial Sexual Exploitation-Identification Tool (CSE-IT*, pronounced "see it") is a [validated](#) screening tool that helps identify children who are commercially sexually exploited (CSE).
- The CSE-IT is appropriate for use by any provider serving youth, including child welfare workers, **probation officers**, mental health clinicians, and first responders. The CSE-IT is designed to improve early identification of youth who are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and human trafficking.
- This human trafficking screening tool was developed with the input of over 100 survivors and service providers. Moreover, the CSE-IT has been [validated](#) with data from a 15-month pilot to ensure that it accurately identifies youth who have clear indicators of exploitation. The CSE-IT has robust statistical and qualitative evidence to support its use.

Using the CSE-IT

- 8 domains
 1. Housing and caregiving
 2. Prior abuse or trauma

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3. Physical health and appearance
 4. Environment and Exposure
 5. Relationships and personal Belongings
 6. Signs of current trauma
 7. Coercion
 8. Exploitation
- Most questions are about current status with the following looking at lifetime:
 - Youth has current or past involvement with the child welfare system.
 - Youth has been sexually abused, physically abused, emotionally abused.
 - Youth has witnessed domestic violence.
 - **Youth has current or past involvement with law enforcement or Juvenile justice.**
 - Youth has a history of sexual exploitation.



Post Screen: What is next?

- When a youth screens as “clear concern” Program Coordinator contacts the Juvenile Probation Counselor, Becca Case Manager, Truancy Case Manager.
 - Informs them of the score.
 - Asks for input on making a referral.

What we have learned

- Boys are screening as clear concern and in need of connection to services.
- Gender variant youth screen as clear concern and in need of connection to services.
- Youth who are very young (11, 12, 13) who are referred to Juvenile Court and Family Court Becca programs have high levels of past trauma.
- Having good communication between Court staff and community providers is key.
- **There are not enough specialized services to accommodate all the “clear concern” cases.**

WA Organizations Trained to use CSE-IT

Breaking Generational Cycles, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Escape to Peace, Harborview Assault and Trauma Center, Children’s Justice Center of King County, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, Y Social Impact Center, **King County Superior Court**, YouthCare, Beyond Survival, Partners with Families and Children, Mirror Ministries, StolenYouth

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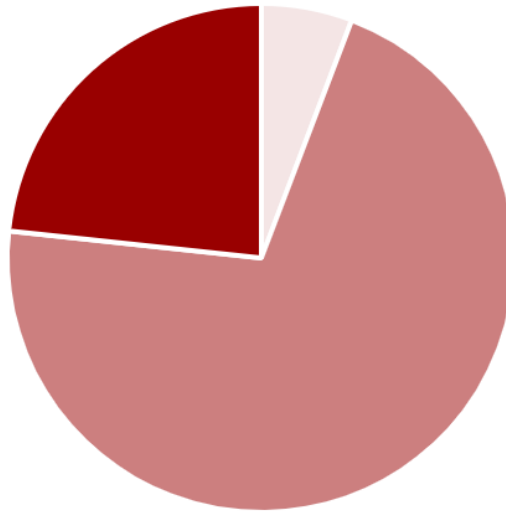
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1090 youth

- 63 youth (6%) no concern
- 773 youth (71%) possible concern
- 254 youth (23%) clear concern

Overall Concern

■ No Concern ■ Possible Concern ■ Clear Concern



Male youth:

- 53 youth (7%) no concern
- 567 youth (89%) possible concern
- 88 youth (12%) clear concern

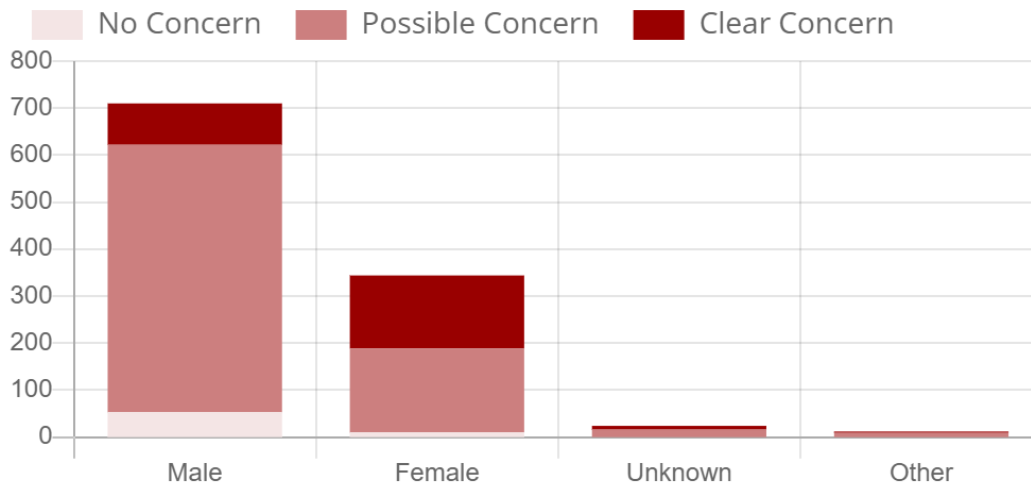
Female youth:

- 10 youth (3%) no concern
- 179 youth (52%) possible concern
- 155 youth (45%) clear concern

Gender Diverse youth:

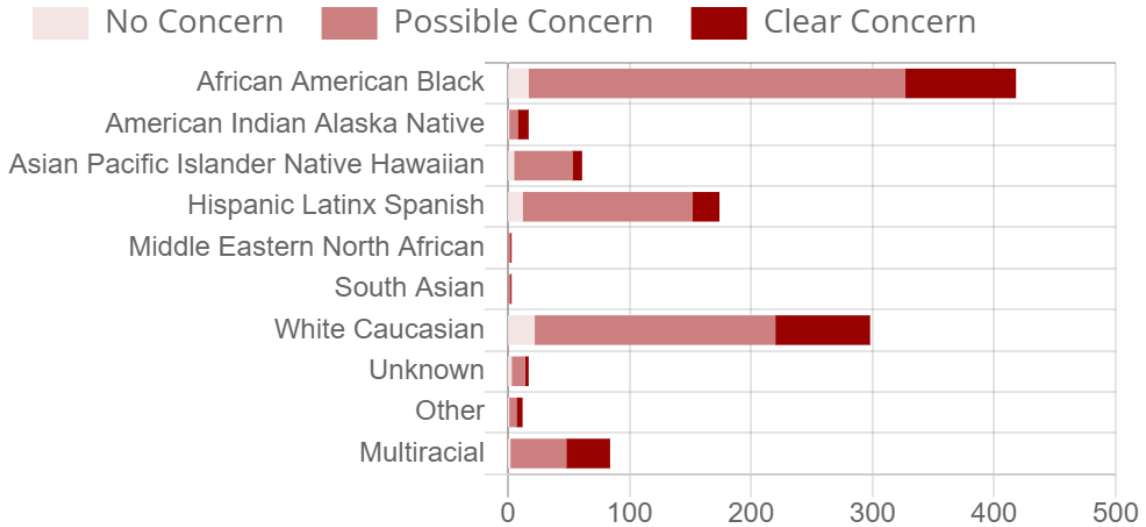
- **Gender unknown**
 - 0 youth (0%) no concern
 - 16 youth (67%) possible concern
 - 8 youth (33%) clear concern
- **Gender listed as other**
 - 0 youth (0%) no concern
 - 9 youth (75%) possible concern
 - 1 youth (25%) clear concern

Gender Identity



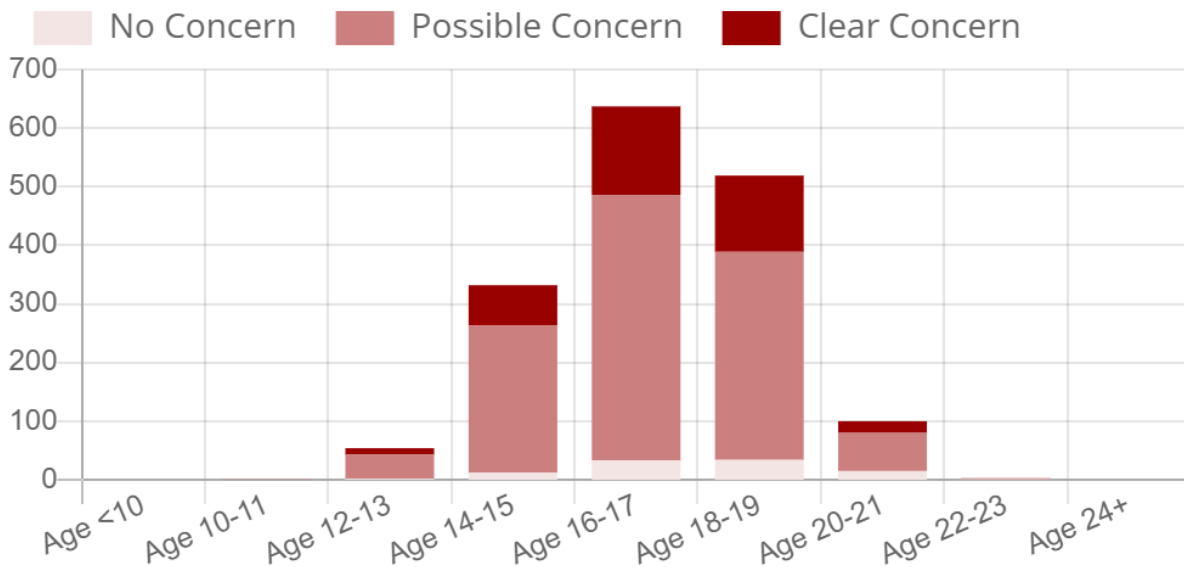
Exploitation occurs across all ethnic identities:

Ethnicity



Exploitation occurs at all ages:

Age Group



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