

King County CSEC Task Force

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What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children?

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, **patronizing**, or **soliciting** of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, **or** in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).

“The term ‘**commercial sex act**’ means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person” (22 U.S.C. 7102 (4)).

MINOR + COMMERCIAL SEX ACT = TRAFFICKING

What is the King County CSEC Task Force?

Intentionally inclusive: open to those looking to support a victim centered response to CSEC

- **Evaluation** Rigorous 5-year evaluation by the University of Washington. [Evaluation — King County CSEC Task Force](#)
- **Networking** Book Club, Lunch and Learn, Coffee and Connection, Quarterly Task Force Meetings

Resources Available via King County Superior Court

- **Formal Training**
- **Informal Training / Lunch and Learns**
- **Confidential Consultations**
- **Networking with CSEC Partners**
- **Updated Calendar** at [Events — King County CSEC Task Force](#)
- **Updated Website** [King County CSEC Task Force](#)
- **Universal Screening** All youth in King County Juvenile Court and Family Court Becca Programs are screened for CSEC by the CSEC Program Coordinator using the [CSE-IT](#)

Universal Screening for CSEC

- Currently there is NO requirement that DCYF, Juvenile Justice, and law enforcement use a validated CSEC tool to screen for CSEC.
- [SB 6006](#) Requires screening at DCYF and Juvenile Justice

(2) Whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that a child under the jurisdiction of a **juvenile justice agency** has suffered commercial sexual abuse of a minor, the juvenile justice agency must use a validated assessment tool to screen the child for commercial sexual abuse of a minor and report such abuse and neglect pursuant to RCW 26.44.030.8

(3) For purposes of this section, "**juvenile justice agency**" means any of the following: **Law enforcement; diversion units; juvenile courts; detention centers;** and persons or public or private agencies having children committed to their custody.

Universal Screening at King County Superior Court

- In 2021 King County Superior Court received federal funding to implement universal screening via the 2021 OVC FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking Solicitation.
- In March 2022 a 1.0 FTE CSEC Coordinator and Screener was hired.
- As of today, January 24, 2024, ALL youth who enter Juvenile Court (offender) and Family Court Becca Programs (ARY/CHINS) are screened. Truancy cases are screened on a more limited basis (lack of information available)
- 1090 youth have been screened
 - 63 youth (6%) no concern
 - 773 youth (71%) possible concern
 - 254 youth (23%) clear concern

A Brief Timeline

- 2013** Bridge Collaborative Community Model, King County CSEC Task Force & Coordinator Hired
- 2014** Federal Grant ACF/CB – includes evaluation. YouthCare, CCYJ, KCSC,DCYF partner.
- 2015** DCYF hires CSEC Liaison, Train the Trainer, Evaluation including network analysis
- 2016** Integrate DCYF into the CSEC response; outreach CAC begins
- 2017** Second network analysis and grant work continues
- 2018** Evaluate advocacy, training, and formalize ConnectUP, website launches
- 2019** KYFS joins BC (YC, FOY, YSIC, KYFS, OPS) and grant sunsets – DCYF loses CSEC liaison
- 2020** Training goes virtual, [HB 1775](#) & PANDEMIC – lose coordination of advocates, lose funding and positions
- 2021** Federal Grant DOJ/OVC – includes screening all youth in KCSC juvenile and family courts
- 2022** Weekly CSEC MDTs. Screening begins at KCSC.
- 2023** Advocates at full staff capacity, universal screening in KCSC, weekly MDTs with the CJCKC
- 2024** [SB 6006](#) Requires screening at DCYF, Juvenile Justice, and more. Budget worries.

Get Involved/Partner

- Visit www.KingCountyCSEC.org.
- Email Kelly.Mangiaracina@KingCounty.gov and ask to be added to the King County CSEC email list.