
CSEC LUNCH & LEARN: CSEC SCREENING IN JUVENILE COURT WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

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KING COUNTY CSEC SCREENING

- In October 2021, King County Superior Court – Juvenile and Family Court Becca Programs was awarded a grant under OVC FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking.
- These funds are being used to enhance the CSEC Program at King County Superior Court by
 - expanding the CSEC Training Catalog to include additional high-level trainings;
 - expanding a well-established Juvenile Court CSEC Program by integrating with King County Superior Court Family Court Becca Programs;
 - **enhancing identifications made by the CSEC program by implementing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT) developed by the WestCoast Children’s Clinic to universalize CSEC screening in the Juvenile and Family Court Becca Programs;**
 - increase referrals to specialized CSEC services with survivor centered trauma informed community-based agencies; and
 - continue collaborating with the Children Justice Center of King County’s CSEC multi-disciplinary team to track identified youth.

SCREENING SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Hire an additional FTE to the CSEC Program: Kris Bennett, CSEC Program Coordinator and Screener
- Contract with Westcoast Children's Clinic to be trained on the CSE-IT
- Begin implementation of universal screening in Juvenile Court and Family Court Becca Programs.
- King County Superior Court – Juvenile and Family Court is using the CSE-IT.
 - The 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.
- The CSE-IT is a file review, not an assessment.

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WestCoast Children's Clinic Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) – version 2.0

1. HOUSING AND CAREGIVING. The youth experiences housing or caregiving instability for any reason.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth runs away or frequently leaves their residence for extended periods of time (overnight, days, weeks).	0	0	1	2
b. Youth experiences unstable housing, including multiple foster/group home placements.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth experiences periods of homelessness, e.g. living on the street or couch surfing.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth relies on emergency or temporary resources to meet basic needs, e.g. hygiene, shelter, food, medical care.	0	0	1	2
e. Parent/caregiver is unable to provide adequate supervision.	0	0	1	2
f. Youth has highly irregular school attendance, including frequent or prolonged tardiness or absences.	0	0	1	2
g. Youth has current or past involvement with the child welfare system.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 1 Score: A subtotal of 0 to 3 = No Concern. A subtotal of 4 or 5 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 6 to 14 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
2. PRIOR ABUSE OR TRAUMA. The youth has experienced trauma (not including exploitation).	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth has been sexually abused.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth has been physically abused.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth has been emotionally abused.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth has witnessed domestic violence.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 2 Score: A subtotal of 0 or 1 = No Concern. A subtotal of 2 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 3 to 8 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
3. PHYSICAL HEALTH AND APPEARANCE. The youth experiences notable changes in health and appearance.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth presents a significant change in appearance, e.g. dress, hygiene, weight.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth shows signs of physical trauma, such as bruises, black eyes, cigarette burns, or broken bones.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth has tattoos, scarring or branding, indicating being treated as someone's property.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth has repeated or concerning testing or treatment for pregnancy or STIs.	0	0	1	2
e. Youth is sleep deprived or sleep is inconsistent.	0	0	1	2
f. Youth has health problems or complaints related to poor nutrition or irregular access to meals.	0	0	1	2
g. Youth's substance use impacts their health or interferes with their ability to function.	0	0	1	2
h. Youth experiences significant change or escalation in their substance use.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 3 Score: A subtotal of 0 or 1 = No Concern. A subtotal of 2 or 3 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 4 to 16 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
4. ENVIRONMENT AND EXPOSURE. The youth's environment or activities place them at risk of exploitation.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth engages in sexual activities that cause harm or place them at risk of victimization.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth spends time where exploitation is known to occur.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth uses language that suggests involvement in exploitation.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth is connected to people who are exploited, or who buy or sell sex.	0	0	1	2
e. Youth is bullied or targeted about exploitation.	0	0	1	2
f. Youth has current or past involvement with law enforcement or juvenile justice.	0	0	1	2
g. Youth has gang affiliation/contact that involves unsafe sexual encounters.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 4 Score: A subtotal of 0 = No Concern. A subtotal of 1 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 2 to 14 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
5. RELATIONSHIPS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS. The youth's relationships and belongings are not consistent with their age or circumstances, suggesting possible recruitment by an exploiter.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth has unhealthy, inappropriate or romantic relationships, including (but not limited to) with someone older or an adult.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth meets with contacts they developed over the internet, including sex partners or boyfriends/girlfriends.	0	0	1	2
c. Explicit photos of the youth are posted on the internet or on their phone.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth receives or has access to unexplained money, credit cards, hotel keys, gifts, drugs, alcohol, transportation.	0	0	1	2

e. Youth has several cell phones or their cell phone number changes frequently.	0	0	1	2
f. Youth travels to places that are inconsistent with their life circumstances.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 5 Score: A subtotal of 0 = No Concern. A subtotal of 1 or 2 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 3 to 12 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
6. SIGNS OF CURRENT TRAUMA. The youth exhibits signs of trauma exposure.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth appears on edge, preoccupied with safety, or hyper-vigilant.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth has difficulty detecting or responding to danger cues.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth engages in self-destructive, aggressive, or risk-taking behaviors.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth has a high level of distress about being accessible by cell phone.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 6 Score: A subtotal of 0 = No Concern. A subtotal of 1 or 2 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 3 to 8 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
7. COERCION. The youth is being controlled or coerced by another person.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth has an abusive or controlling intimate partner.	0	0	1	2
b. Someone else is controlling the youth's contact with family or friends, leaving the youth socially isolated.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth is coerced into getting pregnant, having an abortion, or using contraception.	0	0	1	2
d. Someone is not allowing the youth to sleep regularly or in a safe place, go to school, eat, or meet other basic needs.	0	0	1	2
e. The youth or their friends, family, or other acquaintances receive threats.	0	0	1	2
f. Youth gives vague or misleading information about their age, whereabouts, residence, or relationships.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 7 Score: A subtotal of 0 = No Concern. A subtotal of 1 = Possible Concern. A subtotal of 2 to 12 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
8. EXPLOITATION. The youth exchanges sex for money or material goods, including food or shelter.	No Information	No Concern	Possible Concern	Clear Concern
a. Youth is exchanging sex for money or material goods, including food or shelter for themselves or someone else, e.g. child, family, partner.	0	0	1	2
b. Youth is watched, filmed or photographed in a sexually explicit manner.	0	0	1	2
c. Youth has a history of sexual exploitation.	0	0	1	2
d. Youth is forced to give the money they earn to another person.	0	0	1	2
Indicator 8 Score: A subtotal of 0 = No Concern. A subtotal of 1 = Possible Concern. A subtotal from 2 to 8 = Clear Concern. Circle score here →	0	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2

Scoring Instructions:

1. Enter each Indicator Score in the corresponding box in this table.
2. Add Indicator Scores 1 through 7 and enter the total in box A.
3. If Indicator 8 score = 1 (Possible Concern), enter 4 in box B. If Indicator 8 score = 2 (Clear Concern), enter 9 in box B.
4. Add boxes A and B for a Total Score between 0 and 23 and enter the Total Score in the final box.
5. Plot the Total Score on the Continuum of Concern below to determine level of concern for exploitation.

Continuum of Concern (draw a line indicating level of concern for exploitation)

Indicator:		Indicator score
1. HOUSING AND CAREGIVING		
2. PRIOR ABUSE OR TRAUMA		
3. PHYSICAL HEALTH AND APPEARANCE		
4. ENVIRONMENT AND EXPOSURE		
5. RELATIONSHIPS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS		
6. SIGNS OF CURRENT TRAUMA		
7. COERCION		
Add scores for indicators 1 through 7 (Score cannot exceed 14):		A.
8. EXPLOITATION		
If Indicator 8 score is 1 (Possible Concern) put 4 in Box B If Indicator 8 is a 2 (Clear Concern) put 9 in Box B		B.
TOTAL: Add boxes A and B for a total score between 0-23.		TOTAL



HOW DO WE USE THE CSE-IT

- When: Youth are screened approximately 30 days after their initial involvement with JCS or through BECCA/ARY Case Managers
- Screen includes a review of multiple systems and assessments.
 - Names of family members, youth's interaction with JPC/court
 - **KCMS** – provides information gathered by JPC
 - **JIMS** – More familial information – names, addresses, and court involvement (case history), legal numbers
 - **DISA** – Provides information gathered from Screening JPC – brief bio-psycho-social history
 - **JJAT Assessments** (MH and SUD) – Provides a more in-depth overview of youth's mental health history, trauma history, substance use
 - **Reports to Court** (written by JPC) – Often have a lot of information regarding youth's history: academic, familial, mental health, SUD, strengths and challenges
 - **KC Script Portal** – Court documents include Family Assessments, Police Reports,
 - **JABS** – Includes information on youth, youth's family – such as when a youth has experienced DV situations or have been a victim of a crime that is not necessarily listed anywhere else
 - **ILINX** – Documents uploaded to ILINX by probation typically provides information regarding school attendance, UA results, etc.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED IN 5 MONTHS OF SCREENING?

- Nationally approximately 11.5% of youth screened using the CSE-IT screen as “clear concern” the highest level of concern.
- Since 4.1.2022 King County Superior Court has screened 153 youth
 - 17 youth or 11% screened as no concern
 - 80 youth or 52% screened as possible concern
 - 56 youth or 37% screened as clear concern

WHY ARE OUR CLEAR CONCERN NUMBERS SO HIGH – THEORIES

- One of the main indicators on the CSE-IT is involvement in the criminal justice system. Because we are screening youth involved in the court system, they all are scoring high on that indicator.
- King County via the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has moved away from charging more minor offenses. The youth who do have cases at Juvenile Court have usually been charged with more serious charges, and/or have a longer history of charges.

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