

THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION –
IDENTIFICATION TOOL (CSE-IT)

Who We Are

WestCoast Children's Clinic, Oakland, CA

Community-based mental health and case management

1700 children and youth

120 youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation (CSE)

Research, Policy, Training

"Evidence - in the form of reliable data - is key to unveiling the hidden nature of violence against children and beginning to erode its social acceptance."

-UNICEF, 2014

75%

Exploitation
ongoing for two
or more years

75%

Don't see
themselves
as being
exploited

50%

14 or younger
when
exploitation
started

Source: WestCoast Children's Clinic (2012). Research to Action: Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM) Needs and Strengths.

From Research To Action

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation- Identification Tool

(CSE-IT – pronounced “see it”)

The CSE-IT...

1. Does not rely on self-disclosure
2. Is multidisciplinary
3. Is used to screen universally
4. Is valid, reliable
5. Collects quantitative data
6. Prompts action

Universal screening

Screening is not...

- Assessment
- Diagnostic
- Invasive
- Time consuming
- Treatment

How the CSE-IT works

- An information integration tool.
 - Encourages thinking systematically about indicators.
 - Gather information from discussions with youth, case files, reporting parties, providers, etc.
- Easily integrated into existing workflow or protocol
- Helps you determine next steps...

CSE-IT version 2.0

- Eight key indicators
- Statements to consider

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/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 1-2 indicates <i>Possible Concern</i> . A subtotal \geq 3 indicates <i>Clear Concern</i> . Circle score here →	0	0	1	2

CSE-IT: Scoring

- Score indicating level of concern for sexual exploitation
- Score helps to determine next steps

Continuum of Concern

(draw a line indicating level of concern for exploitation)



Developing The CSE-IT

Gathered the input of over 100 stakeholders:

- Survivors of human trafficking
- Providers in mental health, law enforcement, probation, child welfare, education, youth homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and group homes

Piloting The CSE-IT

22 counties

56 sites

2000 staff trained

15 months

5537 youth screened

- Child welfare
- Probation
- Mental Health Programs
- Shelters & Group Homes
- Schools
- First Response CSEC
Advocates

CSE-IT Pilot Data

Number of youth with:	
Clear Concern	635 (11.5%)
Possible Concern	1,029 (18.6%)
No Concern	3,873 (69.9%)
TOTAL youth age 10+ screened	5,537 (100%)

These data are preliminary results from a study with ongoing data collection. Please do not distribute.

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DEVELOPING A CSEC SCREENING AND RESPONSE PROTOCOL

At what service point(s) will you screen?

Consider the following:

- Your staffing structure
- Length of Service

Clearly document:

- Who is responsible for screening and documenting results?
- At what service point(s) and with what frequency?

What is your Response Protocol?

“What do I do when I identify a youth who has indicators of trafficking?”

- Mandated child abuse report
- Safety planning
- Full assessment
- Referrals to community-based services
- Consultation with subject-matter experts

How will staff document screening results and response steps?

- Clear documentation expectations for staff
- Monitor reports to:
 - Ensure staff are meeting screening and response expectations
 - Understand number of exploited youth served
 - Assess the need for additional resources
- Build into your agency's Quality Assurance procedure

What is your training and technical assistance plan?

- CSE-IT User Training (required)
- CSE-IT Train-the-trainer (after 6+ months)
- Additional training about working with sexually exploited youth
- Technical assistance:
 - For staff on how to use the tool
 - For leadership on creating and implementing screening and response protocol

IMPLEMENTING THE CSE-IT TO IMPROVE EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Getting set-up to use the CSE-IT

- Determine which format you will use:
 - CSE-IT Online (web-based application)
 - Build into your database/EHR
 - Use on paper
- User Agreement (and Software agreement if using CSE-IT Online)
- Schedule Training & Technical Assistance

CSE-IT Online

- Dedicated admin and user logins
- View and print previous screenings
- Admins have access to a dashboard and CSV export
- Secure to HIPAA standards
- Contributes de-identified screening data to ongoing research on prevalence and risk factors

Factors for success

- Clearly document screening and response protocols:
 - Each individual agency/system
 - Role of each agency in a multi-system approach
- Review data to evaluate and continually improve protocols
- Training, consultation, and communication about expectations
- Organizational and systemic culture that is:
 - Trauma-informed and CSEC-informed
 - Collaborative across multiple systems

Questions & Contact Info

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to begin discussion about
implementing the CSE-IT

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Who We Are

Seneca Family of Agencies, California & Washington
Unconditional Care

Washington: School-Based & Community-based
Programs

CSEC Outreach Program

60 current Open Clients



Screening

- Screening all open clients 10 and older
- Screened by assigned clinician
- Screening occurs within the first 30 days with initial assessment
- Re-Screening every 6 months for Possible or Clear Concern
- Re-Screening yearly for No Concern

Response Protocol

- Working on a more formalized response plan with community resources
- Each plan to be personalized per client
- Protocol can include:
 - Mandated child abuse report
 - Safety planning
 - Full assessment with CANS CSEC Module
 - Specific treatment goals/planning
 - Referrals to other community-based services
 - Consultation

Documentation of screening and response steps

- Screening schedule built into our weekly chart tracking
- Notifies clinicians & supervisors of when CSE-IT is due
- Supervisors supporting staff in follow up steps/response
- Updated Safety Plans and team discussions
- Documentation of follow-up steps in mental health notes in our EHR

Training and technical assistance plan

- Seneca has a group of CSE-IT trainers who completed the Train-the-trainer with WestCoast
 - WA region has 3 trainers
- All direct care staff and clinicians trained in use of CSE-IT upon hire
- Building in on-going training for staff
- Technical assistance:
 - Our WA region trainers available for assistance in use of the tool
 - Supervisors on-going discussion around tailored support

Data Collection & Monitoring

- Seneca currently using the paper version
- May explore using the WCC portal in the future
- WA region monitoring and collecting our data manually

CSE-IT Seneca WA Initial Data

Number of youth with:	
Clear Concern	1 (5.9%)
Possible Concern	3 (17.7%)
No Concern	13 (76.5%)
TOTAL youth age 10+ screened	17 (100%)

What staff are saying

- The tool is very easy to use
- Helps staff explore risk factors that they may miss otherwise
- Helps staff ask more explicitly during assessment about CSE
- Staff feeling more confident talking about CSEC and risk factors in their work generally
- Keeping trauma and CSEC at the center of our assessment and intervention

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