
RACE, GENDER, POWER AND CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

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Objectives

1. Understand how racial and gender oppression impacts and perpetuates the sexual exploitation of children.
2. Recognize and understand the barriers and implicit bias of CSEC-serving providers and programs.
3. Identify tools and methods for reducing implicit bias and identifying CSEC.

Who is most vulnerable?

1 in 10 youth...

1 in 5 girls...

1 in 4 transgender youth...

1 in 3 African-American girls...

How do you see them?

What does a sexually exploited youth look like in your mind?

What is their race?

What is their gender?

How are they dressed?

How do they act?

How adult do they seem to you?

How much care do they need?

Summary

- Systemic oppression (racism, sexism, transphobia) is connected to the sexual exploitation of children.
- Societal numbness and invisibility related to race and gender contribute to our response to sexual exploitation (e.g. blaming the victim, criminalization, services focused on individuals not systems).
- Implicit bias impacts how we identify and serve survivors.
- We need to acknowledge the role of race, gender, and power to effectively combat sexual exploitation.

Thank you!
