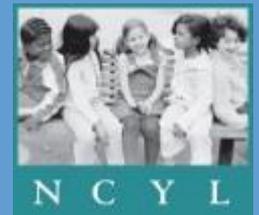


Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) In Los Angeles: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach

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CSEC LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL: PURPOSE

- Create a coordinated response for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) in Los Angeles County when law enforcement identifies youth they suspect are trafficked or at risk of being trafficked.
 - Alert child welfare system
 - Connect child with specialized advocate
 - Provide temporary housing, if necessary
 - Complete comprehensive medical evaluation
- Ensure the response is victim-centered, strengths-based, and accounts for the trauma and violence these young children have experienced.
 - MDT – youth included in placement decision
 - Safety Planning – contract among providers and youth on steps to take in event the youth is triggered
 - Minimum of 90 days of intensive case management

CSEC Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol

Entry into DCFS

Law Enforcement (LE)



Hotline checks CWS/CMS to determine where youth will go:

- Probation only – youth to Probation
- Joint supervision – to lead agency
- DCFS only – remain DCFS
- No previous involvement – DCFS
- Flag

- Data Collection
- Assessment
- Monthly Screening Committee Meeting
- 14 reports to the Board



Expectation if Youth runs away

- Placement call LE to report missing person immediately
- Placement notify CSW immediately
- CSW walk on for protective custody warrant to court
- CSW obtain police report
- When LE locates youth 1st Responder Protocol begins again.
- CSW walk on warrant recall to court

Multi -Disciplinary Team (MDT) – staging area within 90 minutes (station or hospital)

- MART
- Survivor Advocate (Saving Innocence)
- LE
- Family Members (if appropriate)



Obtain Medical /psych Screening/Evaluation

- MLK Medical Hub
- Other Medical Hub
- Forensic Exam (24 -72 hours)
- Exigency
- Parental consent
- Youth (12 years or older) consent
- Warrant /Court order – Contact warrant liaison
- Reproductive Health exams



CSW in consultation with SCSW makes determination:

Do not detain

- ARS
- VFM

Detain

- 300 (b)(1) – Parental Neglect
- 300 (b)(2) – CSEC
- 300 (d) – sexual abuse



Devise Safety Plan at Placement Site with:

- CSW
- Child
- Advocate
- Foster Parent / Placement personnel
- Parent(s)
- Sibling(s)



Case Plans for VFM/VFR or Court cases

CFT convened to address case planning:

- Stable Housing
 - Out of State placements – ICPC required
 - Psychiatric Hospitalization – 5585 process required
 - Group Home
 - Foster Home – D -Rate Assessment?
 - Shelter (DV)
 - SILP
 - TAY
 - Level 14 placement
 - ITFC
 - YWCA
 - WrapAround
- Mental Health Assessment /treatment/ TBS – DMH
- Medical/Dental Exams – Medical Hubs
- Schooling, Vocational services, life skills/Job Corps – Commission for Senior Services
- Legal documentation services/SIJS unit referral
- Domestic Violence (DV) Assessment/Treatment – DMH or DV Counsel
- Sex abuse Assessment/Treatment – Medical Hubs/DMH
- Drug Abuse Assessment/Treatment – DPH /BCRS
- Physical Abuse Counseling – DMH
- Regional Center Assessment/Services
- Sexual Health & Development Counseling – Medical Hubs
- Sexual Health & Development, Prenatal Care – Medical Hubs/DPH
- Branding Removal/Gang Prevention
- Prenatal Care – Medical Hubs/DPH

DCFS CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE (CPH)



Department of Children
and Family Services

■ Responsibilities:

- Flag as “Sexually Exploited Child-CSEC” under Special Projects Code
- If case is in pilot area, initiate CSEC Expedited Form
- Determine which agency, DCFS or Probation, will respond and take the lead
- Complete and distribute Expedited Form to responding agency
- Contact MART or CTU to dispatch CSEC Response Team

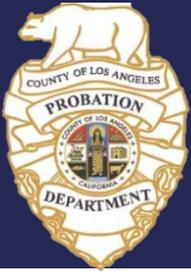
DCFS MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (MART)



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and Family Services

■ Responsibilities:

- Respond to staging area within 90 min. of CPH call
- Notify Advocacy Agency
- Conduct child abuse investigation
- Lead MDT meeting focusing on placement
- Complete safety plan with caregiver at decided upon placement
- Arrange appointment at DHS Medical Hub
- Organize follow-up MDT



PROBATION CHILD TRAFFICKING UNIT (CTU)

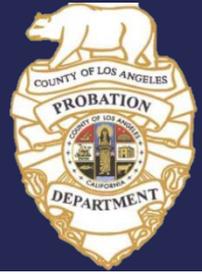
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STAR COURT

- Specialized CSEC Juvenile Delinquency Court
- Frequent Review Hearings
- Weekly MDT Meetings – decisions made by collaborative team
 - Dedicated CSEC Public Defender
 - Probation Officers from specialized CSEC unit
 - Saving Innocence Advocate
 - Legal Advocate

ROLES OF PROBATION OFFICERS



Star Court Liaison

- Assess new cases
- Facilitate weekly MDT case review meetings
- Create missing person flyers/coordinate with Probation Specialized Enforcement Operations Unit.
- Update Court regarding AWOL' s, urgent matters, etc.

Supervision Deputy Probation Officers

- Caseload size
- Primary / Secondary Cases
- Contact expectations
- Transition MDT' s
- Collaboration
- Showing up!

MULTI-AGENCY REVIEW COMMITTEE (MARC)

- **Membership:**
 - Agencies participating in the First Responder Protocol
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Convene monthly to:
 - Review protocol and cases without identifying information,
 - Identify successes and barriers,
 - Engage youth and survivors for feedback on the Protocol,
 - Analyze data and outcomes,
 - Refine the Protocol, as necessary, and
 - Assess the sufficiency of resources.
 - Submit quarterly reports to Board of Supervisors

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Training for Child-Serving Agencies**
- 2. Internal Response Protocol for Child-Serving Agencies**
Screening tool to identify CSEC
- 3. Victim Witness Testimony**
- 4. CSEC Specialized Services**
- 5. Prevention & Intervention Workshops**
- 6. Development of CSEC Placement Options**
- 7. Multi-System Data Collection**