



Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation

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A Collaborative Effort to Address the  
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of  
Children in San Bernardino County



**“A plea to help a young victim of child prostitution”  
by Wesley Hughes, San Bernardino Sun, 3/22/09**

*“...It was the first public meeting of the Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation, which had been established by District Attorney Michael A. Ramos. He said he had heard enough of my harping for a leader to come forward in the campaign against child sexual abuse, so he decided to be that leader.*

*When you look at it, DeAndra, that whole dang meeting was about you...”*

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## Original Partners

- Department of Behavioral Health
- Children & Family Services
- Children's Network
- District Attorney
- Probation

## Added Later

- Sheriff
- County Schools
- Public Defender
- Public Health
- Juvenile Courts

- ❖ MOU exists between all entities outlining roles and responsibilities of each.
- ❖ Steering Committee, chaired by Presiding Judge over Juvenile Court & consisting of one representative from each department met monthly for the first three years and currently meets quarterly to:
  - ❖ Build consensus and determine project objectives towards CASE plan through a majority vote, when quorum is present.
- ❖ Changes to MOU can be requested by any of the departments and is executed by DBH and signed by all department heads.

## Funding

- **Originally through the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Innovations**
- **As of July 2014, a MHSA Prevention & Early Intervention Program**

Funds used to establish an MDT that meets weekly and consists of:

Coordinator, Children's Network

Social Worker, Children & Family Services

Social Worker, Department of Behavioral Health

Social Worker, Public Defender

Juvenile Probation Officer

Once a month, juvenile court attorneys meet with MDT.

No formal assessment tool or intake process. Referrals received from multiple departments/agencies and the community.

## Provided by CASE

- Collaborative Case Management
- Advocacy
- Mental Health Assessment
- Therapeutic Intervention
- Crisis Intervention
- Transportation
- Placement
- Linkage to Community Resources
- Training & Education

## Provided by Community

- Survivor Mentorship
- Short-term Crisis Shelter
- Therapy
- Educational Opportunities
- Several local as well as out-of-state placements
- Rachel's House of Healing for adult women.

- **Outreach & Education**
  - Once a month.
  - Community outreach and engagement.
  - Diverse backgrounds.
- **Training (no longer meets)**
  - Workgroup formed to identify training areas and content.
- **Interventions (no longer meets)**
  - Workgroup formed to identify client needs and resources.
- **Law Enforcement**
  - Sworn officers only. Meets once a month.
- **Speaker's Bureau**
  - Ongoing training of community members to make short presentations regarding CSEC and CASE to community groups.

- **Identification & Assessment (4 Hours)**
  - Offered at least once a month.
  - BBS and Nursing CEUs offered.
- **Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (2 Hours)**
  - Offered when requested by agencies/organizations.
- **What is CASE? (30 Minute)**
  - Brief presentation offered to community groups.
- **Deceptions (youth group)**
  - Curriculum offered to groups of youth and recommended to schools.
- **“Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale” (District Attorney’s Documentary)**
  - 45 minute film regarding sex trafficking in San Bernardino County

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