

Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Program

FOCUS: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)



What is a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)?

- CACs are in every county in Massachusetts
- Provide coordinated multidisciplinary investigations of child abuse and exploitation
- Ensure collaboration and communication among agencies
- Minimize the number of times that child victims are interviewed
- Provide access to comprehensive support and services

What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)?

- Sexual abuse and remuneration in money, goods, or services, or the promise of money, goods, or services
- The child is treated as a commercial and sexual object

CSEC includes:

- Street prostitution
- Pornography
- Stripping
- Phone sex lines

- Escort services
- Private parties
- Gang-based prostitution
- Erotic/nude massage Interfamilial pimping
 - Forms of Internet-based exploitation





CSEC is Child Abuse

- How does this impact:
- 1. Attitudes?
 - Victims not Delinquents
 - Needing Support/Services not Punishment
- 2. The Law?
 - Defines CSEC (sexually exploited child)
 - Any person up to age 18
 - Mandates report to Department of Children & Families



CSEC is Child Abuse, cont.

How Does this Impact:

3. Our Behavior

- Know the signs & indicators
- Don't tolerate the sale of children for sex
- Become part of a supportive community
- Take action if you suspect or are concerned

Take Action: What to do if you suspect CSEC?

- 1. If it's an emergency, call 911
- 2. Follow your agency's policies and procedures for responding to concerns regarding residents
- 3. Contact the Department of Children & Families to file a report: 1-800-792-5200
- 4. Maintain confidentiality and the privacy of individuals involved

A Network of Services







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