

Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Boys, Adolescent Males and Young Males

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TRAFFICKING DEFINITION

Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- * Identify best practices in identifying and addressing the needs of boys who are sexually exploited.
- * Explore policies and procedures that help build agency capacity to serve boys.
- * Create an action plan to improve agency service provision for boys.

CSEC includes:

- 1.) street prostitution
- 2.) pornography
- 3.) stripping
- 4.) erotic/nude massage
- 5.) escort services
exploitation
- 6.) phone sex lines
- 7.) private parties
- 8.) gang-based prostitution
- 9.) interfamilial pimping
- 10.) internet based-

Experiences of Victimization

Sexual/physical abuse

Neglect

Emotional/verbal abuse

Dating violence

Witness to murder

Loss through violent death

Commercial Trafficking

Experiences of Victimization

War

Oppression

Terrorism

Rape

Assault

Custodial Interference

Gang Violence

Family Abduction

Street Violence

Robbery

Ethnic Cleansing

Behavioral Indicators of Sexual Exploitation

Males with history of runaway
behavior/homelessness

Multiple foster placements

Oppositional behavior disorder

Parentified child/substance abuse

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Helplessness

Depression/anxiety/social isolation

Fire setting/suicidal ideation/branded tattoos

Males with high priced items such as clothing, bling,
jewelry, tech items

Definitions of Living the “Life”

How Youth Identify:

Escorts

Street workers

Internet “dating”

The Clubs

Definitions of Pimps

The Family

Pimp with Various Youth

Community pimps

Aged out Pimp

Fee-for-Service Pimp

Victimization of Sexually Exploited Boys/Adolescent Males. Prevalence.

Males affected:

Data suggests a variety of males affected by
sexual victimization
from age 10-14 through adulthood.

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What is the Nature of Commercial Exploitation?

100,000 – 300,000 youthful runaways *

More than one half are male

Runaway (voluntary) and throwaway (involuntary) youth

Victimization and Re-victimization in Males

CSE boys have greater range of multiple victimization experiences than youth that do not.

Victims are somewhat more likely to be boys than girls.
54% to 46%. 41% are in the 14 -17 age group.

Multiple intra/extra familial stressors.

Interventions need to be developed to encompass multiple victimizations.

Complex Trauma Adaptation in Childhood: Effects of the “Life”

Sexually Transmitted Diseases/HIV/AIDS

Difficulty with anger management/oppositional
behavior

Poor concentration/inability to focus

No sense that life will produce positive results

Complex Trauma Adaptation in Childhood: Effects of the “Life”

Inability to trust/relationship instability

Depression/suicidal behavior

Substance abuse/self mutilation

Academic underachievement

Helplessness

How one “Copes”

Rage

Death Layer

Black Hole

The Daddy Effect

Where's my daddy?

VI. Recommendations for Multidisciplinary Response

Trained providers (both in social work and medicine) on issues related to sex work.

Decriminalize adolescent prostitution.

Comprehensive services based on continuum of care.
Programs equipped to provide stable housing.

Criminal justice personnel trained to work the streets from a place of crisis intervention.

Provide incentives to engage youth into services.

Needs of Male Victims

Long term stable supported housing

Access to educational programs such as GED,
vocational programs

Job counseling and placement services

Behavioral health

Compassionate health care

Policy/Program Recommendations

Acknowledge the existence of CSE boys and young men.
Include LGBT and trans youth.

Raise awareness among local and federal law-enforcement officers and foster-care agencies to the needs of CSE boys.

Establish screening and intake systems for CSE boys at runaway and homeless youth centers. Conduct sensitivity training.

Policy/Program Recommendations

Support the establishment of male focused anti-trafficking agencies with trained staff.

Encourage collaboration among organizations that already address CSE boys and young men.

Work towards recognition among law enforcement, public health community, policy makers and the public of their existence and harm to CSE boys.

Conduct research on LGBT youth and the advantages/disadvantages of gender-specific or co-ed service agencies.

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