

Resources/Tips for Working with CSEC Youth

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of CSEC resources. For additional questions or resources, please reach out to your Advocate Supervisor.

Court Partner Resources

CARE Unit: If your youth is CSEC-identified and is involved in the juvenile delinquency system as well, they are eligible to be connected with the CARE unit through the Children's Law Center. Click here for more information.

CLC 4 Case Manager: Children's Law Center (Firm 4) has attorneys and/or case managers that can be specifically assigned to CSEC-identified youth. Please speak to your current CLC attorney if this seems like a needed support for your youth.

Secondary CSEC CSW: If the youth has voluntarily chosen to identify as CSEC-affiliated, the CSW can request a secondary CSW to join the team specifically for CSEC-related support.

External Organization Resources

County Resources (Department of Social Services): https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-welfare-protection/csec

Journey Out: An LA-based nonprofit that specifically supports CSEC-affiliated youth. Click here for more information.

Saving Innocence: Saving Innocence provides advocates to CSEC-affiliated youth, as well as provide an additional intervention outside of law enforcement, including safety planning and ongoing case management. Click here for more information.

CAST: The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) has multiple supportive services for CSEC-affiliated youth, as well as keeps the community up to date progress towards their mission through monthly conference calls. Click here for more information.

CASA Advocacy/Resource Options

Muut: CASA/LA's internal resource database. Click here to register (please make sure to use your CASA email).

Restoration Funds: If the youth has been identified as CSEC and the Court is aware, the CASA can work with the attorney and/or CSW to recommend certain services be covered by restoration funds. These funds are a means to replace/fill the need being provided by the youth's trafficker (i.e. getting hair/nails done, a cell phone, etc.). CASAs should also consult with their Advocate Supervisor on appropriate of restoration fund requests.

Social Media: If a CASA's CSEC-affiliated youth is away from placement, or their location is unknown, CASAs may try to connect with the youth through social media. Please review the <u>CASA/LA Volunteer Handbook</u> on our guidelines around social media to ensure you are complying with appropriate boundaries.