

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 [CASA/LA Volunteer Handbook](#) on our guidelines around social media to ensure you are complying with appropriate boundaries.