

# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Protocol for Orange County Educators

Commercial sexual exploitation of children refers to the exchange of something of value to a child for an obscene act. This may or may not involve a third party benefitting from the exchange and may involve "survival sex." Survival sex is exchanging sex acts or sexual material for one's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, etc.

Sexual exploitation includes promoting, assisting, employing, persuading, or coercing a child to engage in prostitution, a live performance, or to produce a photo involving an obscene act. This includes sextortion: using deceit, coercion, or another method to obtain a nude or sexual image of a child and blackmailing them for more sexual content/activity or money.

California Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to provide human trafficking prevention education for students in grades 7-12; may offer training for school staff; and in collaboration with community partners, may develop protocols for the early identification, case management, and service planning to reduce incidents of commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth. (Education Code (EC) 51934, 51950 and Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 16524.6, 16524.7, 16524.8, 16524.9)

## AT RISK FACTORS - CRITERIA 1

(as determined by the California Department of Social Services)

Student meets at-risk concern if at least one factor is present:

- Exhibits behaviors or otherwise indicates that they are being controlled or groomed by another person
- Spends time with people known to be involved in commercial sex
- Internet, cellphone, or social media use involves social or sexual behavior that is atypical for their age

## AT RISK FACTORS - CRITERIA 2

(as determined by the California Department of Social Services)

Student meets at-risk concern if at least two factors are present:

- History of running away, unstable housing, multiple foster care placements, homelessness, and couch surfing
- Prior involvement with law enforcement or the juvenile justice system
- Frequently missing from school
- Relationships are of concern, placing them at risk or in danger of exploitation
- History of substance use

## AT-RISK FOR CSEC - RECOMMENDED PROTOCOL

### STEP 1

If at-risk factors are present, submit a mandated report to the County of Orange Child Protective Services (800-207-4464).

### STEP 2

Meet with the student to co-create an action plan to address school-related concerns and link to resources as needed.

### STEP 3

Set up regular contact with student and monitor action plan and student's well-being, attendance, and engagement.

## SUSPECTED RECRUITMENT OR VICTIMIZATION OF CSEC - RECOMMENDED PROTOCOL

### STEP 1

If CSEC is suspected, submit a mandated report to the County of Orange Child Protective Services (800-207-4464).

### STEP 2

Contact local law enforcement for a possible investigation.

### STEP 3

Assess and address potential impact on the school environment, including harassment and threats to school safety.

### STEP 4

If appropriate, and in consultation with the student, inform parent/guardian of potential victimization.

### STEP 5

Offer the student and/or parent/guardian a referral to appropriate counseling or social services.

### STEP 6

Set up regular contact with the student to assess well-being and needed support.

## RESOURCES

Call County of Orange  
Child Protective Services  
at 800-207-4464



- Explore [Resources for Caregivers of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth](#) using OC Navigator
- [Additional Resources and Support](#)

Learn more by visiting the  
Orange County Human  
Trafficking Task Force  
website at  
[ochumantrafficking.com](http://ochumantrafficking.com)