

Other Resources



CASE Training & Events
<http://sbcase.eventbrite.com>

CASE YouTube
www.youtube.com/sanbernardinocase

San Bernardino "211"
Information and referrals
for health and social services.

The Open Door @ Family Assistance Program
Services to assist survivors of human trafficking
(909) 333-7476

Polaris Project
National Human Trafficking Hotline
Washington, DC 888-3737-888
www.polarisproject.org

Shared Hope International
Vancouver, WA (866) 437-5433
www.sharedhope.org

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
24-Hour Hotline (800) 843-5678
www.missingkids.com

Girls Education & Mentoring Services (GEMS)
New York, NY (212) 926-8089
www.gems-girls.org

Runaway Girl
<http://runawaygirl.org>

San Bernardino County Sexual Assault Services
1-800-656-4673

CASE Vision for Success

We envision:

An empowered San Bernardino County community with the resources and tools needed to protect and address the needs of commercially sexually exploited children.

A County where youth, family, and community members are safe from commercial sexual exploitation.

An educated community equipped to empower survivors and protect those at-risk of commercial sexual exploitation.



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Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation

A Multi-Disciplinary Response to the
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



Overview

The commercial sexual exploitation of youth is a serious and pervasive issue affecting individuals, families and communities around the world. Exploiting children is a form of child abuse and those being exploited are victims of this serious crime. It is a complicated issue and in response, the County of San Bernardino has formed a coalition made up of law enforcement and social service agencies at a local level to coordinate their activities to capture adult offenders and best connect exploited youth to needed services.

What are potential indicators of trafficking and exploitation?

- Multiple reports of running away with no explanation as to whereabouts or running out of state
- History of emotional, sexual or other physical abuse
- Signs of current physical abuse and/or sexually transmitted diseases
- Noticeable change in dress, jewelry, hair or nails without explainable source of income.
- Presence of an older boy/girlfriend or friend
- Drug addiction
- Withdrawal or lack of interest in previous activities
- Gang involvement
- Tattoos or branding that indicate ownership

Our Approach

- Multi-disciplinary
- Centralized referral mechanism
- Identification of a point person: The CASE Coordinator
- CASE-dedicated staff from Probation, Department of Behavioral Health, Children & Family Services, Public Defender, District Attorney and the Children's Network.
- Ability to respond quickly
- Coordinated communication among providers
- Provider accountability
- Outreach & Education
- Countywide training and technical assistance on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) issues
- Tracking of referrals and outcomes



Goals

The Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation includes partnerships between Children's Network, District Attorney, Public Defender, Public Health, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, Children & Family Services, Behavioral Health, County Schools, Superior Court of California - Juvenile Division. local non-profits and aims to:

- Empower victims to leave their exploiter and utilize opportunities to regain control of their life and future.
- Ensure victims' physical and psychological safety.
- Ensure victims' access to resources and services, including: medical care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, educational opportunities, job skills training, mentors/advocates and more.
- Address the larger social issues impacting at-risk youth.



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