

# Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

## 422.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the management of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) cases. This policy applies to all designated personnel.

### 422.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)** - The sexual trafficking of a child under the age of 18 where anything of value is given or received by any person as specified in § 236.1 PC, or the provision of food, shelter, goods, services, or money to a youth in exchange for the performance of any sexual act as specified in §§ 11165.1 and 236.1(c) PC, per § 300 (b)(2) WIC: and whose parent(s) failed to protect the child.

**CSEC Youth** - A person under the age of 18 who has been exploited as a victim of sex trafficking or one who is at risk of being exploited.

**Safety Plan** - A comprehensive victim centric plan created by the department to ensure the safety and wellbeing of an identified CSEC youth.

**Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Field & Institution Protocol** - A comprehensive step-by-step guide for the case management of CSEC youth.

## 422.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Penal Code §§ 236.1, 236.1(c), 11165.1(d) & 11165.1(d)(2);
- Welfare and Institutions Code § 16501.35(a);
- 22 United States Code § 7102 (4), (9) & (10);
- 42 United States Code § 667;
- California Senate Bills 794 & 855;
- Executive Committee.

## 422.3 POLICY

All personnel who work directly with youth receiving probation services shall identify and document CSEC youth, as well as, provide appropriate services to them. Furthermore, personnel shall report CSEC cases to the appropriate agencies within 24 hours of being identified.

## 422.4 PROCEDURE FOR FIELD SERVICES

Personnel shall refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for step-by-step guidance on the identification and case management of CSEC youth. The protocol and all CSEC forms referenced

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in this policy are available on the Probation Intranet [REDACTED]

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### 422.4.1 IDENTIFICATION OF CSEC YOUTH

The Commercially Sexually Exploited Interview Tool (CSE-IT) will be utilized by CSE-IT trained personnel when contact with a youth, who has not been previously identified as CSEC, finds at risk factors indicating the youth might be exploited. Refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for additional instructions regarding completion of the CSE-IT Prescreening Tool.

### 422.4.2 CASE MANAGEMENT

The CSEC population, once identified, shall receive specialized case management services as indicated in the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol. Upon initial identification of a CSEC case, personnel must complete a field-specific assessment, as provided in [CSEC Form #1: Case Management - Field](#).

All information obtained during the case management of a CSEC youth shall be documented in the Juvenile Adult Management System (JAMS).

### 422.4.3 SAFETY PLAN

Once a youth is identified as CSEC, a Safety Plan ([CSEC Form #2: Riverside County Probation Department CSEC Safety Plan](#)), with input from the youth, shall be created and updated as indicated in the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol.

### 422.4.4 MISSING CSEC YOUTH

When a youth identified as CSEC leaves placement or home without permission, field personnel shall follow all directives of Policy 645: Escape/AWOL and complete [CSEC Form #3: AWOL/Runaway CSEC Youth Checklist](#). In addition to the above, field personnel shall utilize [CSEC Form #4: AWOL/Runaway/Escape Information Sheet](#) to document and report the youth missing. Furthermore, the organizations listed in section 422.4.5 of this policy shall be notified as indicated in the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol.

### 422.4.5 REPORTING

Whenever a youth is identified as CSEC, or when a new allegation of sexual exploitation is reported for a previously identified CSEC youth, pursuant to PC § 11166(j)(1), the entities/organizations listed below shall be notified immediately, or no later than 24 hours from receipt of the information. Moreover, when an identified CSEC youth is on AWOL status, has ran away, or escaped from one of the department's institutions, the following entities/organizations shall be notified immediately, or no later than 24 hours from receipt of the information:

- CPS;
- Local Law Enforcement Agency and Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (RCAHT); and
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

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#### 422.4.6 AWOL, RUNAWAY, AND ESCAPE RETURNS

Whenever a youth identified as CSEC, has either been served a warrant or has returned to care after an incident of AWOL, runaway, or escape, personnel will interview the youth within 72 hours. [CSEC Form #5: AWOL/Runaway/Escape Return Questionnaire - Field](#) shall be used by personnel as a guide for interviewing the youth.

Furthermore, personnel shall modify the Safety Plan to determine the primary factors for the CSEC youth's departure from care and develop a proper plan to address those factors. Refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for step-by-step guidance on completing this requirement.

#### 422.4.7 DUAL STATUS CSEC YOUTH

If the CSEC case is a dual status youth, the interagency protocol shall be followed. Refer to the Riverside County CSEC Interagency Protocol for responsibilities related to dual status CSEC youth.

### **422.5 PROCEDURE FOR JUVENILE FACILITY SERVICES**

Personnel shall refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for step-by-step guidance on the identification and management of CSEC youth. The protocol and all CSEC forms referenced in this policy are available on the Probation Intranet [REDACTED] in the "CSEC" icon. All information obtained during the management of a CSEC youth shall be documented in JAMS.

#### 422.5.1 IDENTIFICATION OF CSEC YOUTH

During the initial booking of all youth, the Detention Control Officer will utilize [CSEC Form #6: CSE-IT Prescreening Tool](#) as part of the detention intake process to determine whether at risk factors for sexual exploitation are present. Refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for additional instructions regarding completion of the CSE-IT Prescreening Tool and behavioral health referrals.

#### 422.5.2 MISSING CSEC YOUTH

When a youth identified as CSEC leaves placement or home without permission, personnel shall complete all directives of Policy 920: Escapes/AWOLS. In addition, personnel who receive the initial report of an escape or AWOL shall complete [CSEC Form #7: AWOL/Escape Youth Checklist](#) and ensure all notifications listed in the form are made.

Furthermore, the organizations listed in section 422.4.5 of this policy shall be notified as indicated in the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol.

### **422.6 CSEC DATA COLLECTION**

The following information shall be collected in JAMS pursuant to WIC § 16524.6 et sec.:

- Youth identified as CSEC youth prior to entering the care of the department;
- Youth identified as CSEC youth after entering the care of the department;
- Youth at risk of becoming CSEC youth;

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- Youth who are on runaway status, AWOL, or are abducted and who have been identified as CSEC victims;
- Identified CSEC youth who are receiving Extended Foster Care (EFC) benefits or Independent Living Program Services; and
- Pertinent supervision contacts and case management information.

#### **422.7 TRAINING**

All personnel shall be provided with training for identifying, reporting, documenting, and determining appropriate services for any youth identified as a CSEC victim. Refer to the CSEC Field & Institution Protocol for detailed information regarding CSEC training requirements.

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