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# GIRLS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

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# What is CSEC?



COMMERCIAL

SEXUAL

EXPLOITATION

CHILDREN

# COMMONALITIES IN CSEC YOUTH

## CROSSOVER YOUTH

Many youth flagged as CSEC in the delinquency system are already "300 dependents" / foster children of the child welfare system with a history of abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Because of the history of abuse, neglect and abandonment as well as ongoing trauma, many are at some point diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety, and/or depression.

## GENERATIONAL TRAUMA

Many have mothers who were also at one point foster children of the child welfare system and victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

## Senate Bill 1322

Modified laws criminalizing the act of prostitution and loitering with the intent to prostitute so that they do not apply to children under 18.

Effective January 1, 2017.

## Penal Code § 236.23

Affirmative Defense if:

- Direct result of being a human trafficking victim
- Had a reasonable fear of harm

Certain exceptions apply.

# CSEC Protocol

## District Attorney's Office Protocols

- Victim's Services
- Crime Strategies Unit
- Vulnerable Victims Policy

## Multi-Agency

- CPS Referral
- HART Rapid Response Referral
- Placement (FAM)



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