

RECOMMENDED INTERVIEWING QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

Begin the conversation on Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) with parents in broad terms in order to ease into the questions. Share with the parents that CSE, also known as sex trafficking, is unfortunately a problem in Los Angeles County and, that, in fact, L.A. County is deemed one of the areas in our nation with the highest levels of CSE. Explain the definition of CSE, and provide examples of CSE to the parent. Offer empathy and support, letting them know that parents who have children that are being exploited may experience a range of emotions – denial, anger, depression, hopelessness, shame, confusion, etc. Share with the parent(s) that there is support available to parents and youth impacted by Commercial Sexual Exploitation to assist them. Explain that you would like to ask them some questions in order to assess whether or not their child may be a victim of CSE. Let them know that answering the questions may be difficult, but to please try and provide as much information as possible to help with the assessment in order for their child to receive the support that is needed. Be mindful and respectful of familial customs and demonstrate cultural humility.

- Have you noticed clothing/jewelry/other material goods that you did not purchase for your child?
- Do you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance at school?
- Has your child become more reclusive/secretive or defensive?
- Has your child begun to post sexually explicit images or material on social media? Do you know if they have multiple social media accounts?
- Does your child behave in a sexualized manner?
- Is your child beginning to associate with older people or have unhealthy and inappropriate romantic relationships with adults?
- Does your child have unexplained injuries?
- Does your child run away?
- Does your child come home at night?
- Does your child have unexplained access to money, credit cards, alcohol, transportation, keys, gifts, drugs?
- Does your child have multiple cell phones and/or does their number change frequently?
- Does your child appear to be controlled by another person?
- Does your child have a history of sexual abuse/physical abuse?
- Has your child been treated for Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections? Any other health concerns?
- Has there been any significant changes in your child's dress, hygiene, weight?
- Does your child have unusual attendance or is truant during school?

- Do you know or suspect that your child is abusing substances?
- Is your child involved or connected to any gangs?
- Is there familial history of CSEC?