

## King County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Task Force

**WHO:** The Task Force is co-chaired by Superior Court Judge Kristin Ballinger and Judge Regina Cahan, Ret., and individuals from more than 120 governmental and nongovernmental organizations have attended Task Force meetings since 2013. To learn more visit: <https://www.kingcountycsec.org/>

**MISSION:** The mission of the King County CSEC Task Force is to ensure the safety and support of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) and to prevent further exploitation.

### RESOURCES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE via Task Force Member Agencies:

1. **ADVOCACY:** Toll Free CSEC Hotline **1.855.400.CSEC (2732)** available in King County to speak to a Community Advocate. Or email [CommunityAdvocate@YouthCare.org](mailto:CommunityAdvocate@YouthCare.org). To learn more about the advocates visit: <https://www.kingcountycsec.org/advocates/>
2. **TRAINING:** Free CSEC training is available in King County. Thousands of individuals have been trained in CSEC identification, engagement, and service referral since April 2013. To learn more about the 9 free trainings visit: <https://www.kingcountycsec.org/>
  - a. [Responding to the Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth](#)
  - b. [And Boys Too](#)
  - c. [Engaging Men to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation](#)
  - d. [At the Margins: The Sex Trafficking of LGBTQ+ Youth](#)
  - e. [Understanding and Responding to Running Away Behavior in CSEC](#)
  - f. [Survivor Centered Programing](#)
  - g. [Walk with Me](#)
  - h. [Human Trafficking in Indian County – Identify and Respond](#)
  - i. [Adversarial Allyship](#)
3. **FOSTER CARE: ConnectUP**
  - a. <https://www.connectupwa.org/>

### COMMUNITY ADVOCATES:

1. Community advocates are case managers who specialize in working with youth and young adults, ages 12-24, who have been sexually exploited, or are at risk of sexual exploitation.
2. Community advocates work with youth and young adults for as long as necessary, building relationships and working with youth as they move through systems.
3. Community advocates may work with MDTs that coordinate and provide services to exploited youth.
4. Community advocates reach out to youth and work with family members and other support systems as a key component of the Task Force model.
5. The Bridge Collaborative, a regional response to sexually exploited youth and young adults, operates and coordinates the community advocate program through a partnership that includes YouthCare, Organization of Prostitution Survivors, REST, and Y Social Impact Center.

**SCREENING:** King County Superior Court – Juvenile Court recently began implementing the [CSE-IT](#) for universal screening. To learn more about our screening visit our [Lunch and Learn](#) page and scroll to August 2022.

**MDTS:** CSEC MDT meetings are coordinated by the King County Children’s Justice Center (KCCJC) and occur weekly or on an ad hoc basis. [www.cjckc.org](http://www.cjckc.org) Email [Norene.Roberts@KingCounty.gov](mailto:Norene.Roberts@KingCounty.gov) for an MDT.

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