



# Defining and Profiling the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Course Syllabus

## Description of Content

This training will aim to define and look at the issue of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in the United States. Some of the main areas that will be addressed include: techniques utilized in the commercial sexual exploitation of children, local and national statistics on CSEC, the impact of public and private systems on CSEC and the criminalization of CSEC. We will also have an opportunity to explore written expressions by CSEC survivors.

## Course Goals and Objectives

- Attendees will have a clear understanding of the legal definition of CSEC and its classification as Human Trafficking
- Attendees will be able to more easily identify a child involved in or at high risk for commercial sexual exploitation
- Attendees will have a clear understanding of the techniques and tactics used to persuade children into commercial sexual exploitation
- Attendees will have a clear understanding of the actual and potential psychological impact that commercial sexual exploitation has on children
- Attendees will understand how the public and private systems impact commercially sexually exploited children
- Attendees will acquire tools to increase their success when interfacing with commercially sexually exploited children
- Attendees will consistently refer to these children as “victims of commercial sexual exploitation” opposed to “teenage prostitutes”

## Course Outline

- I. Identifying and Profiling CSEC
  - A. CSEC as human trafficking victims
  - B. Risk factors associated with CSEC
  - C. CSEC Profiles
- II. Techniques used in the commercial sexual exploitation of children
  - A. The five stages of exploitation
  - B. Impact of technology
- III. Review of local and national statistics
- IV. The impact of the public and private systems on CSEC
  - A. Juvenile justice, foster care and law enforcement
  - B. Family, community and faith based organizations