

# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

## Background Notes

Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a severe problem nationally. In 2014 the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act was passed and subsequently Oregon created and modified both rules and procedure to guide the practice of Oregon DHS Child Welfare workers who believe children may be at risk or involved in commercial sexual exploitation.

### Tasks / Assignments:

- Learn about indicators that children may be commercially sexually exploited or trafficked listed in the procedure manual here:
  - "Child Welfare Procedure Chapter 3 – Section 18. Missing Child/Young Adult"
  - "Child Welfare Procedure Chapter 3 – Section 19. Identification of a Sex Trafficking Victim"
  - "Child Welfare Procedure Chapter 4 – Section 36. Sex Trafficking Services"
- Talk with your Supervisor about the resources available in your office and community related to commercial sexual exploitation.

Resource:

Child Welfare Procedure Manual:

[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety\\_model/procedure\\_manual/index.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/index.html)

### Discoveries:

- *What are the indicators of sexual trafficking?*
- *What is required of caseworkers and caregivers who have a child missing?*
- *What services are available for children who have been commercially sexually exploited?*
- *What unique considerations are needed when working with children who have been commercially sexually exploited?*