

I What is a CSEC task force?

A task force consists “of individuals who respond to, serve, or have oversight for or impact on prostituted children. The primary responsibility of the Task Force is to foster a coordinated community response to CSEC”.¹

What does CSEC/Y stand for?

CSEC stands for commercially sexually exploited children. Commercially sexually exploited children refers to anyone aged 17 and under who has taken part in a sexual act in exchange for a material item such as money or food, willingly or unwillingly. The acronym “CSEC/Y” is used to refer to commercially sexually exploited children and youth. Youth in this toolkit refers to those aged 24 and under.

What does a CSEC task force do?

- A task force meets brings together individuals from all sectors that interface with CSEC/Y and provides the opportunity for networking between organizations.
- Identify gaps in services for CSEC/Y and find ways to fill these gaps.
- Coordinate or promote CSEC training in their community and ensure that their task force region has a trainer capable of running a CSEC training.
- CSEC related tasks such as educating the community on CSEC/Y or work to reduce demand for sex from minors in their community.
- Determine if current CSEC-related laws are being implemented and ensure that procedures are in place to meet the requirements of new policies and laws.

¹ Center for Children & Youth Justice. (2016). *REVISED: Washington State model protocol for commercially sexually exploited children*. <https://ccyj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Revised-Protocol-Feb-2016-v2.pdf>