

Indicators of Child Exploitation

General Indicators

- Multiple reports of running away with no explanation as to whereabouts or running out of state;
- Unexplained absences from school for a period of time;
- New clothes or accessories with no explanation;
- Large amounts of money with no explanation as to how obtained;
- Receiving phone calls from older males;
- Sexual activity;
- History of sexually transmitted diseases;
- Police reports of child located in areas known for prostitution;
- Journals of child documenting exploitative activity;
- Sudden changes in behavior;
- Excessive Internet activity.

Physical Indicators

- Injuries from beatings or weapons;
- Brands or scarring indicating ownership (such as tattoos);
- Indications of drug or alcohol use.



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Project Partners

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston Juvenile Court
Boston Medical Center
Boston Police Department
Boston Public Schools
Boston Ten Point Coalition
Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Chelsea Police Department
Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County
City of Boston
Executive Office of Health & Human Services
The Eva Center
Federal Bureau of Investigation
The GIFT Program of Roxbury Youthworks
MA Department of Children & Families
MA Department of Education
MA Department of Mental Health
MA Department of Probation
MA Department of Public Health
MA Department of Transitional Assistance
MA Department of Youth Services
MA Office of Victim Assistance
MA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program
MA State Police
MA Office of Refugees and Immigrants
MBTA Transit Police
My Life My Choice at Justice Resource Institute
Revere Police Department
Roca, Inc.
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
Surviving Our Struggle, of Boston GLASS at JRI
United States Attorney's Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Winthrop Police Department
Youth Advocacy Division
Youth Villages Germaine Lawrence



Support to End Exploitation Now



*A Multi-Disciplinary Response to
Commercial Sexual Exploitation
Of Youth*



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Overview

The commercial sexual exploitation of youth is a serious and pervasive issue affecting individuals, families, and communities around the world.

Exploiting children is a form of child abuse, and those being exploited are victims of this serious crime. It is a complex issue, and in response, law enforcement and social service agencies at the local, state, and federal levels need to coordinate their activities in order to connect exploited youth to needed services.

Our Approach

- A multidisciplinary response
- Centralized referral mechanism
- Identification of a team point person: The SEEN Case Coordinator
- Ability to respond quickly
- Coordinated communication among providers
- Provider accountability
- Outreach, training & education
- Tracking of referrals and outcomes

“To many girls, it feels like all service providers are some form of police. Show them you want to help them heal, succeed, face problems, grow, and meet the goals that are important to them.”

*SEEN's Summer Youth Advisory Group
with the My Life My Choice Leadership Corp*

Goals

The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County and its partners formed: the **Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Coalition**.

SEEN partners - including law enforcement, child protection, medical, street outreach, legal advocacy,

faith based organizations, social service providers, schools, and survivors - have created an innovative and collaborative response that aims to:

- Empower child / teen victims to leave their exploiter and utilize opportunities to regain control of their future and life;
- Ensure victims' physical and psychological safety;
- Enforce offender accountability by apprehending and prosecuting adults who exploit youth;
- Ensure victims' access to resources and services, including: medical care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, educational opportunities, job skills training, mentors / advocates, and more;
- Address the larger social issues impacting at-risk youth.

Who Can Help?

Boston Police Department Human Trafficking Unit
(617) 343-5783

Bridge Over Troubled Waters
(617) 423-9575

Chelsea Police Department
(617) 466-4855

Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County
(617) 779-2146

MA Department of Children & Families
Child-At-Risk Hotline (800) 792-5200

MA Department of Youth Services
(617) 740-0100

My Life My Choice at JRI
(617) 779-2179

Revere Police Department
(781) 284-1212

The GIFT Program of Roxbury Youthworks
(617) 474-2101

**Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
Child Abuse Unit**
(617) 619-4300

Surviving Our Struggle of Boston GLASS at JRI
617-266-3349

Winthrop Police Department
(617) 846-1212

Youth Advocacy Division
(617) 445-5640