
FACTS & STATS

In her 2014, CSEC Fast Fact, a report on Clark County's experience with Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEC), Dr. Alexis Kennedy highlighted The Embracing Project as a majority provider of advocacy services to the CSEC population of Clark County, serving 89% of the court's population.

CHARGES

In recent years, the Clark County Family Courts have developed a habit of amending those charges facing youth that involve prostitution related charges. The courts are beginning to take the opinion that the term "Prostitution" implies a choice.

In 2014, nearly 202 victims of sexual exploitation were heard in specialty court. Other charges that are important to note are those that frequently run concurrent with the charge of prostitution: providing false information, being a minor in a gaming institution, curfew violations, and violations of probation.

AGE

While the national average age of entry is 12, the age disclosed to the courts first trading sex for money, food or a place to stay was 14. The average age of those actually in CSEC court was 16.

GENDER

In 2014, the CSEC Court Calendar experienced 721 hearings involving 202 youth, one of which was male.

PIMPS

Nearly 20% of victims report dating their pimps, others report family members, and acquaintances.

DUAL INVOLVEMENT

28% of CSEC clients are in the group home or foster care system.

CONTRIBUTING RISK

- Over 27% of the youth we serve have reported mental health disorders following their victimization. These include: depression, anxiety, PTSD, and more.
- 50% of CSEC are runaways.
- The Embracing Project clients reported having experienced physical abuse (57%), emotional abuse (53%), and instances of domestic violence (40%). Over 50% disclosed a history of sexual abuse or rape.
- Over 90% have self-reported marijuana use, and nearly 50% engaged in the use of illicit drugs.
- One client attributed their sexual exploitation to gang initiation.