

Important Numbers

Although all youth are vulnerable,
some populations are at a higher risk
of human trafficking:

- ◆ Runaway and Homeless Youth
- ◆ Children in the Foster Care System
- ◆ Children with a personal or family history of substance abuse
- ◆ Children with disabilities
- ◆ Youth in the juvenile justice system
- ◆ LGBTQ+ Youth
- ◆ Refugees, immigrants, and non-English speaking persons



If someone is in immediate danger:

Dial 911.

Steuben County CAC

607-664-2008

Safe Harbour Steuben

607-664-2100

SafeHarbour@SteubenCountyNY.gov

2-1-1 HELPLINE

24/7 access to information and referrals.

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-346-2211

National Human Trafficking 24/7 Hotline

1-888-373-7888

Or Text "Help" to BeFree(233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

1-800-843-5678

Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign

Tip Line: 1-866-DHS-2-ICE

Or 1-888-347-2423



STEBEN COUNTY
child advocacy center

607-664-2008



Steuben County Child Advocacy Center Program Overview

The mission of the Steuben County Child Advocacy Center is to provide a safe, child friendly setting to conduct interviews, medical examinations and overall support and advocacy for child victims and their non-offending family members wherein allegations of sexual or physical abuse are present in either a criminal or child protective investigation.

The family advocate refers victims, non offending parents and their siblings to counseling , provides accompaniment to appointments and court appearances, and provides ongoing support . Steuben County CAC has a stationary site and a mobile unit. The mobile unit is used to reach families where transportation is limited.

Safe Harbour Steuben Program Overview

Safe Harbour Steuben provides case coordination and advocacy for youth at risk or who have been the subject of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

Assistance in accessing services includes: medical care, mental health, counseling, financial assistance, emergency shelter and other basic living and safety needs.

Safe Harbour Steuben also provides community education and conducts public awareness campaigns on the issue of CSEC

What does CSEC Look Like?

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) occurs when any individual under the age of 18 engages in a sexual act or performance for anything of value; including money, gifts, shelter food, clothing or drugs. The commercial sex industry victimizes girls, boys and transgendered youth.

Any child under the age of 18 who is induced to perform a commercial sex act is a victim of CSEC.

Some examples of CSEC include:

- Familial sexual exploitation
- Solicitation on the streets or in private residences, clubs, hotels, massage parlors, etc
- Online sexual enticement
- Sextortion: a form of online blackmail where threats are made to share information or images to make the victim do something
- Revenge porn: distribution of sexually explicit pictures or video without consent.
- Exotic dancing/stripping
- Trading sex for drugs, basic needs or gifts
- Street peddling or begging



RED FLAGS

Abuse and CSEC

- Youth runs away from home often and/or for significant periods of time
- Disconnection from social supports such as church, family, friends, teachers, medical providers
- Over-sexualized behavior
- Multiple sexually transmitted infections, abortions or anonymous sexual partners
- Signs of sexual, physical, mental abuse
- Malnourishment or poor hygiene
- Untreated injuries
- Indications or reports of domestic violence or intimate partner violence
- Significantly older partners or spending a lot of time with a controlling adult
- Explanations inconsistent with Injuries
- Uses street slang for sex work
- Reluctant to discuss how they make money
- Working more than they are in school
- Scared of consequences to a degree greater than the situation warrants
- Signs of physical, mental, sexual trauma.