

Best practices from across the nation have demonstrated that training agencies, providers, and community members on basic concepts about the commercial sexual exploitation of children (“CSEC”) is a critical first step to establishing a coordinated, multi-agency response that effectively identifies and serves victims. Once County staff, providers, and community members recognize risk factors, learn to recognize warning signs, and understand the dynamics of exploitation, they are able to identify youth earlier.

Over the past several years, the Probation Department and its partners have provided basic identification and awareness training, a “CSEC 101,” training to over 7,000 individuals in Los Angeles County. Despite this progress, there are still a large number of County staff who have not received training, and there continues to be a lack of awareness among the general public at large about this issue. In order to foster a growing awareness, more individuals in Los Angeles must receive CSEC 101 training. In addition to the basic identification and awareness training, individuals who already have this knowledge should have access to continuing education on this topic that provides a greater depth of knowledge. The CSEC 101 training, as well as the continuing education training, will build capacity and resources to more effectively serve victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

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MOTION

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the CEO identify \$250K and include in final changes for the Probation Department, for the purposes of continued identification and awareness training about the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Chief Probation Officer lead the training effort and engage all appropriate County departments and community partners on a training plan, and report back in 60 days.

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