Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Advocacy is an essential part of the Governor’s Office Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT) Texas Model for addressing child sexual exploitation. CSEY Advocacy programs are nonprofit agencies that engage employed advocates to provide individualized 24/7 crisis response and ongoing long-term trust-based relational support to children and youth survivors.

- Are identified as likely exploited by “Clear Concern” score on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT)
- May be referred by law enforcement, medical providers, child welfare, other first responders, community members, or survivors themselves from identification of circumstances which suggest exploitation
- May be in out-of-home juvenile justice or child welfare placement or at home

CSEY Advocates Provide:

- Crisis Response
- Basic Needs
- Personal Support
- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Support in Justice Activities

CSEY Advocates are dispatched by first responders immediately upon recovery of a survivor and meet the youth where they are --literally/geographically and figuratively, whether the survivor is or is not yet cognizant of their own victimization and need for help. They also respond immediately to calls from youth in crisis and as soon as possible when a survivor is newly identified but in a safe and stable environment. They commit to continue in a supportive relationship with the survivor throughout their progression through the stages of healing including relapse - without judgment.

These field-based advocates work collaboratively with stakeholders in support of the victim-centered goals for survivors, law enforcement, child welfare, juvenile justice, healthcare, and other partners. They help survivors gain the strength needed to participate in investigation/prosecution of exploiters.

CSEY Advocacy agencies are supported by CSTT with funding, training, and/or technical assistance, and abide by a set of common risk management minimum standards and best practices developed by CSTT in coordination with Praesidium (https://website.praesidiuminc.com/wp/).

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CSEY Advocates Fill the Gaps in Between Services:

Recovery, Healing, Justice, Thriving

LE Victim Advocate
Drop-In Center / Emergency Shelter
Sexual Assault Advocate
Hospital Social Worker
Prosecutor’s Victim Witness Coordinator
DFPS Caseworker
CASA
Juvenile Probation Officer
Residential Placement Caseworker

CSEY Advocate

CSEY Advocates are designed to fill gaps between services and systems and sustain long-term supportive relationships, during and after, any survivor’s system engagement. CSEY Advocates give additional support to youth rather than duplicate or interfere with existing protective systems.

CSEY Agencies:

NORTH
1. For the Silent (Smith & 14 nearby counties) (903.747.8128)
2. Refugee Services of Texas (Dallas & Tarrant) (888.373.7888)
3. Traffick911 (Dallas & 7 nearby counties) (817.575.9923)
4. Unbound Fort Worth (Tarrant & Denton) (817.668.6462)

SOUTH
1. BCFS HHS (Cameron & 17 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)
2. Refugee Services of Texas (Cameron & 5 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)

EAST
1. BCFS HHS (Harris & 13 nearby counties) (888.884.7323)
2. Harvest House (Jefferson & 5 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)
3. Refugee Services of Texas (Harris) (888.373.7888)
4. Sojourn Landing (Harris & 5 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)
5. Unbound College Station (Brazos & 6 nearby counties) (979.703.8411)
6. Unbound Houston (Brazoria & Galveston) (346.202.4299)
7. YMCA International (Harris & 8 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)

WEST
1. Family Support Services (Potter & 2 nearby counties) (806.374.5433)
2. Paso del Norte Center of Hope (El Paso & 2 nearby counties) (888.373.7888)
3. Refugee Services of Texas (Potter & Randall) (888.373.7888)
4. Regional Victim Crisis Center (Taylor & 11 nearby counties) (325.677.7895)
5. Voice of Hope (Lubbock & 10 nearby counties) (806.763.7273)

CENTRAL
1. Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center (Bexar) (210.349.7273)
2. AWARE Central Texas (Bell & 4 nearby counties) (254.813.0968)
3. BCFS HHS (Bexar & 25 nearby counties) (888-884-7323)
4. Hill Country Crisis Council (Kerr and 4 nearby counties) (830.257.7088)
5. Refugee Services of Texas (Travis) (888.373.7888)
6. SAFE (Travis & 5 nearby counties) (512.267.7233)
7. Unbound Waco (McLennan & 5 nearby counties) (254.230.0872)