

# CSEY ADVOCATES

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.



## Serving Youth Though Age 24 Who:

Are identified as presumed victims 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.



