

WestCoast Children's Clinic
Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) – Pilot Version

1. Instability in Life Functioning. The youth lacks access to basic needs, including stable shelter and is unable to engage in activities expected of her/his age (e.g., school).	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 4 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 6 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth have a history of running away from home, AWOL, being thrown out of the home?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth experience unstable housing, including multiple foster care placements?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth experience periods of homelessness, including living on the street or couch surfing?	0	1	2
d. Does the youth access social services or community resources to meet basic needs (e.g., hygiene, shelter, food, medical care)?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth miss a lot of school?	0	1	2
f. Has the youth had involvement (currently or in the past) with law enforcement, juvenile justice, or child welfare?	0	1	2
2. Relationships. The youth's relationships are concerning, placing him/her at risk or in danger.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 2 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 4 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth spend time with people (including family members or peers) known to be involved in the sex trade?	0	1	2
b. Is the youth's parent/caregiver unable to provide adequate supervision?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth have unhealthy or inappropriate relationships (including inappropriate boundaries) with someone much older/an adult?	0	1	2
d. Is the youth in a romantic relationship with someone much older/an adult?	0	1	2
3. Finances and Belongings. The youth has money or materials goods that are incongruent with his/her life circumstances.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 2 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth receive or have access to large amounts of cash, credit cards, pre-paid cash cards, hotel keys, gifts, cars?	0	1	2
b. Is the youth's dress or appearance atypical of his/her age or peer group?	0	1	2
c. Is the youth's dress or appearance inconsistent with the weather or situation?	0	1	2
4. Use of Technology. The youth's use of internet, cell phone, or social media involves social or sexual behavior that is atypical for his/her age.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 3 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 5 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth use online sites or apps to find sex partners?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth describe meeting his/her long-term, adult boy/girlfriend on the internet?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth describe meeting in person with a contact developed over the internet?	0	1	2
d. Are there explicit photos of the youth posted on the internet?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth have explicit photos of him/herself on his/her phone?	0	1	2
f. Does the youth have several cell phones, and/or does the youth's cell phone number change frequently?	0	1	2

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5. Physical Health. The youth has significant health problems related to sexual activity and lack of access to basic needs	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 3 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 5 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Has the youth had repeated testing for pregnancy and/or STIs?	0	1	2
b. Has the youth been treated repeatedly for STIs?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth describe health problems or complaints that are related to sleep problems or not getting enough sleep (e.g., sleep deprived, unable to get a full night's sleep, sleep is often disrupted)?	0	1	2
d. Does the youth describe health problems or complaints related to poor nutrition or not having access to regular meals?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth have scarring, bruises, burns, etc. that indicate physical trauma?	0	1	2
6. Risk Behaviors. The youth engages in dangerous or risky behaviors.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 3 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth engage in a dangerous level of risky sexual behaviors, or with partners who are abusive or otherwise physically dangerous?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth spend time where exploitation is known to occur?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth have a history of running away from home, staying away at least overnight?	0	1	2
d. Does the youth's use of substances interfere with his/her ability to function in any area of life?	0	1	2
7. Trauma Exposure. The youth has been exposed to traumatic experiences.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 2 indicate Clear Concern and require a mandated report.			
a. Has the youth been sexually abused/assaulted?	0	1	2
b. Has the youth been physically abused/assaulted?	0	1	2
c. Has the youth been emotionally abused?	0	1	2
8. Trauma Signs and Symptoms. The youth exhibits physical signs and emotional symptoms that can result from his/her exposure to trauma.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 3 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does the youth have bruises, black eyes, cigarette burns, broken bones, or other signs of physical trauma?	0	1	2
b. Does the youth appear <u>constantly</u> on edge and/or wound up, easily startled, or hypervigilant?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth have difficulty detecting and/or responding to danger cues?	0	1	2
d. Does the youth engage in self-destructive or reckless behaviors, beyond what is expected from youth his/her age?	0	1	2

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9. Coercion and Grooming. The youth exhibits behaviors or otherwise indicates that she/he is being controlled or coerced by another person.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 7 indicate Clear Concern.			
a. Does an adult the youth doesn't know well offer the youth housing, a place to stay, gifts, money, cell phones, transportation, alcohol or drugs?	0	1	2
b. Do adults (not caregiver) take the youth on travels or places she/he is not familiar with?	0	1	2
c. Does the youth use language, terminology or statements that suggest involvement in exploitation?	0	1	2
d. Is the youth's communication/contact with family or friends controlled by someone else to the point of social isolation?	0	1	2
e. Does the youth have to earn a quota and/or is forced to give the money they earn to another person?	0	1	2
f. Is the youth coerced (by someone other than caregiver) to get pregnant, have an abortion, or use contraception?	0	1	2
g. Does the youth have tattoos or scarring that suggest they are someone's property; <u>or</u> is the tattoo/scar common among other youth known to be sexually exploited?	0	1	2
h. Is someone not allowing the youth to sleep or to sleep in a safe place, to go to school, to eat, and/or meet other basic needs?	0	1	2
i. Does the youth report receiving threats to him/herself or to friends, family, or other acquaintances?	0	1	2
j. Is the youth asked to lie about his/her age, whereabouts, residence, or relationships?	0	1	2
10. Exploitation. The youth has been exposed to sexual exploitation or victimization.	No Concern 0	Possible Concern 1	Clear Concern 2
This includes any situation, context or relationship where the youth receives something (e.g., food, accommodation, drugs and alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money, etc.) as a result of performing, and/or others performing sexual activities on them. If there is an individual who is selling/profitting from or coercing the youth's exchange, this should be rated <i>Clear Concern (2)</i> .			
Note: Item ratings ≥ 1 indicate Possible Concern. Item ratings ≥ 2 indicate Clear Concern and require a mandated report.			
a. Does the youth have a prior history of sexual exploitation?	0	1	2
b. Has the youth been watched, filmed or photographed in sexually explicit activities?	0	1	2
c. Has the youth or someone beside the youth stated that he/she is considering or currently exchanging sex for money and/or material items including food, shelter and care for his/her family?	0	1	2

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Rating Summary

1. Stability in Residential Status & Life Functioning _____
2. Relationships _____
3. Finances & Belongings _____
4. Use of Technology _____
5. Physical Health _____
6. Risk Behaviors _____
7. Trauma Exposures _____
8. Trauma Signs & Symptoms _____
9. Coercion and Grooming _____
10. Exploitation* _____

**If this item is Clear Concern, then total is automatically 20 points.*

**If this item is Possible Concern and no other item has a rating, then total is automatically 10 points.*

**If this item is Possible Concern and other items are rated, add the rating ('1') to other rated items for a total score.*

Total Score

Other Considerations:

Appraisal of Youth's Risk for Exploitation

(draw a line indicating level of risk)



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Possible Actions	Action Taken	Rationale
1. Mandated report to authorities/CPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Develop safety plan with youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Continue monitoring risk factors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Notify/consult with supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Notify caregiver/support person (as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Recommend/refer to case management	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Note referral here):
7. Recommend/refer to mental health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Note referral here):
8. Recommend/refer to other services	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Note services referrals here):
9. Recommend/refer for further assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Note assessment referral here):
10. Follow agency/organization CSEC protocol	<input type="checkbox"/>	