CSEC Placement

CSEC victims were interviewed: 38 girls 1 male Placement Preference

Many youth reported that a **locked placement** would not be beneficial to their recovery. The times when a locked placement could be helpful includes the following situations:

- When tempted to run away or go back to "the life"
- Safety concerns
- It many help youth stay in placement long enough to complete their education

l don't think there is any benefit [to locked placement]. It's not helpful. It's like being an animal in a cage.



In general, youth preferred a smaller facility whether that was a **6-bed group home** or a **foster home** as they thought this setting would provide them more of a family setting with more opportunities and services.



In general, youth preferred **local group homes** so that they were close enough for family to visit on a regular basis. Youth also preferred **remote locations** as they are far enough away to remove the temptations of going back to the "the life" but close enough that family could visit.

I would like to see more staff who understand 'the life,' better trained people, and more help.



The ideal CSEC placement would ...

- Have CSEC Survivors as staff
- Have more family visits
- Allow us to have cell phones
- Allow us to have individual bedrooms
- Offer independent living skill resources
- Offer job readiness resources
- Feel welcoming and like a real home
- Offer more programs
- Have therapy more times per week, if wanted

- Enroll us in school sooner
- Have staff that are comfortable talking about 'the life' and won't judge us
- Offer more fun and developmentally appropriate activities
- Have staff who acted like mentors instead of guards
- Have cable TV
- Connect us to advocates
- Increase our allowances
- Keep us busy

The Los Angeles Probation Department and Nola Brantley Speaks sponsored the CSEC focus group. Nicole Klasey and Jessica Midkiff conducted focus groups at 6 placements throughout Los Angeles. The Child Trafficking Unit Probation Officers also completed surveys with youth on their caseload.