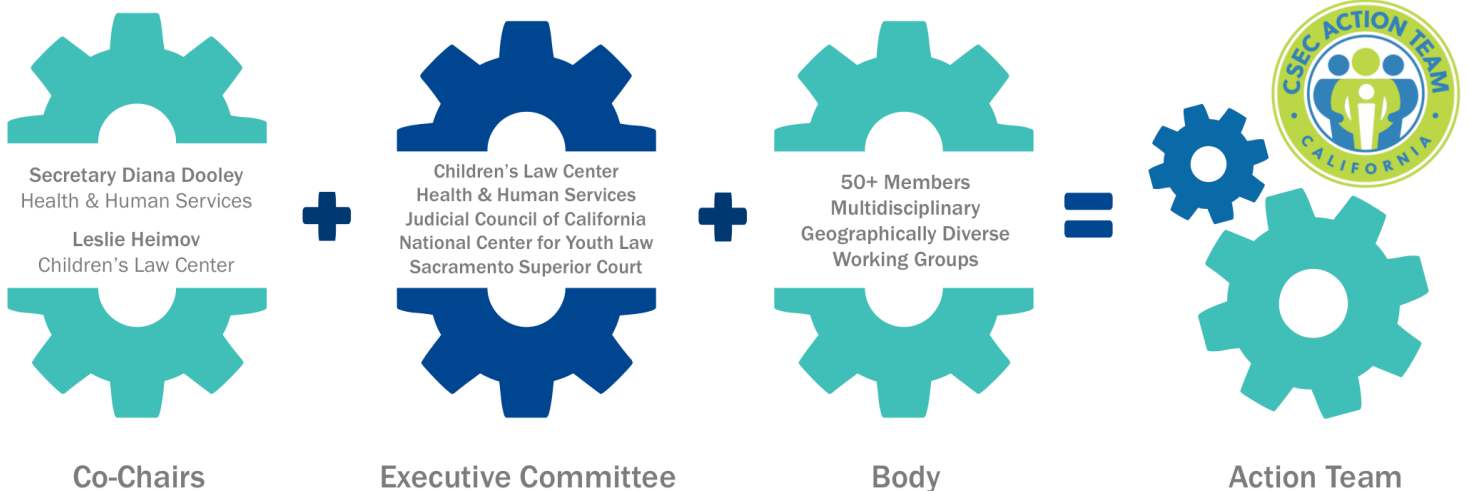




Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Action Team

The Child Welfare Council's Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Action Team is an expert multidisciplinary body dedicated to researching and identifying promising prevention and intervention practices, collaborating with survivors, providing guidance to county agencies and community partners, and conducting evaluation to ensure policies improve outcomes for children.



Below are three highlights from the CSEC Action Team's activities in early 2016:

- **Survivor Advisory Board:** The CSEC Action Team and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will launch the survivor advisory board in June 2016. This new advisory body will provide critical guidance to California counties with regard to survivor engagement. It will also be tasked with preparing recommendations on CSEC Action Team priorities, state policy and other topics as brought to the attention of the CSEC Action Team by counties or state agencies. Applications will be available in April.
- **SB 794 CSEC Protocols & Procedures:** To support California's compliance with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (HR 4980/SB 794), the CSEC Action Team will be modifying its 2015 Interagency Protocol MOU Template to incorporate the new statutory requirements, such as documenting and reporting CSEC. The revised guidance will be reviewed by a statewide cross-agency workgroup.
- **Continuum of Care Reform:** As CDSS undertakes its overhaul of the foster care system, it is critical that the needs of CSEC are effectively integrated into the new regulations and guidance. To support this goal, the CSEC Action Team has coordinated two listening sessions with its members and organized a small workgroup for preparing recommendations to be finalized in late March.



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