

When Home is Where the Hurt Is: An Exploration of Family Facilitated CSEC



Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): Sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value or promise thereof, to the child or another person. In this situation, the child is being treated as a commercial sexual object.

Family Facilitated CSEC: Occurs when a family member exchanges sexual acts with a child for goods, substances, rent, services, money, or status within the community. Family members can include parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc.

Statistics



According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 34% of child sexual abuse is inflicted by a family member.



The U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline estimates that a familial relationship is the second most common form of induction into commercial sex.

Red Flags



HYPERSEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE CHILD



GENERATIONAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



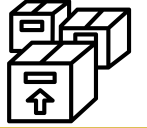
EXTREME NEGLECT & CAREGIVER UNWILLING TO ACCEPT SUPPORT



CHILD DISCLOSES SEXUAL ABUSE BY MULTIPLE PERPETRATORS



UNTREATED PHYSICAL INJURIES



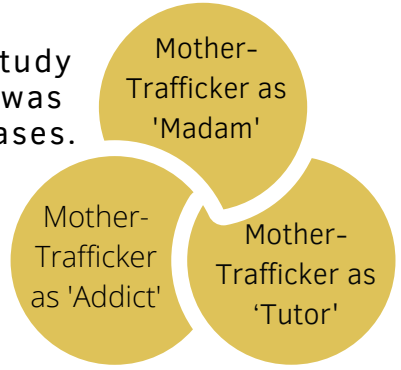
FAMILY MOVES OFTEN TO EVADE CHILD WELFARE AND/OR LAW ENFORCEMENT

“When the family member is the trafficker, the exploitation is often normalized and accepted within the family culture, sometimes spanning generations..”

- Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking In Persons, 2021

Perpetrator Characteristics

- A Sprang and Cole (2018) study found that a child's mother was the trafficker in 64.5% of cases.
- A Sprang and Cole (2018) study found that a child's father was the trafficker in 32% of cases.



Immediate and Long-term Outcomes

- Substance Dependence Disorders
- Self-injurious and suicidal behavior
- Bipolar Disorder
- Low Self-Esteem
- Sleep disturbance and nightmares
- PTSD
- Depression
- Dissociative Disorders
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Anxiety Disorders

How to Report

01

MAKE A REPORT
TO DFCS

1-855-GA-CHILD
1-855-422-4453



02

MAKE A REPORT TO
LAW ENFORCEMENT

911



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MAKE A REFERRAL TO
CACGA

1-866-END-HTGA
1-866-363-4842, OPTION 2



Call to Action

- 1 Share what you learned today with at least 3 people
- 2 Visit <https://www.cacga.org/request-training/> to request an awareness training session for your community or organization
- 3 Call 1-866-END-HTGA if you suspect a child is a victim of CSEC

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Write your personal call to action above!

Notes

