

## **Red Flags of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and Labor Trafficking Indicators**



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- Frequently runs away from home and/or leaves for significant periods of time; truant
- Has had multiple placements through the child welfare system; intersections with the juvenile justice system
- Shows signs of mental, physical, or sexual abuse [high adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)]
- Uses street slang for sex work, such as “doing a date,” “johns,” or “tricks”
- Has a significantly older partner, “boyfriend”, or spends a lot of time with a controlling person, a much older adult
- Relies on another person to speak for them; is not free to speak for themselves
- Indications or reports of domestic violence/intimate partner violence.
- Lies about age or carries a fake form of identification
- Describes a stalking situation or controlling boyfriend or “daddy”
- Lives in housing provided by the employer
- Significantly reduces contact with family, friends, or other support networks (isolation)
- Displays a pattern of staying in the homes of friends or a non-legally responsible adult
- Reluctant to discuss how they make money, where they live, or how or when they came
- to the United States if an immigrant (not in possession of a passport, travel documents)
- Lacks control over schedule and/or money (finances)
- Possession of large amounts of cash or expensive items he or she cannot reasonably afford
- Works more than is in school or does not often attend school (truant)
- Carries weapons
- Has knowledge about the geography of multiple urban areas (streetwise)
- Experiences suicidal ideations and/or depression; signs of self-mutilation