King County CSEC Updates

CSEC STATEWIDE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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KING COUNTY CSEC TASK FORCE CHAIR

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Top Achievements in King County

Trainings in 2021:

- Total number of trainings/lunch & learns/information presentations: 71 events
- Total number of hours of trainings/lunch & learns: 177.25 hours
- Total number of hours of for information sessions: 0.55 hours
- Total number of attendees of trainings/lunch & learns/information sessions: 1912
- Total number of attendees of trainings/lunch & learns: 1625
- Total number of attendees of information sessions: 287
- Attendees from multiple states and internationally (Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Spain, & Israel)

Trainings in 2022 (January 1 to May 3):

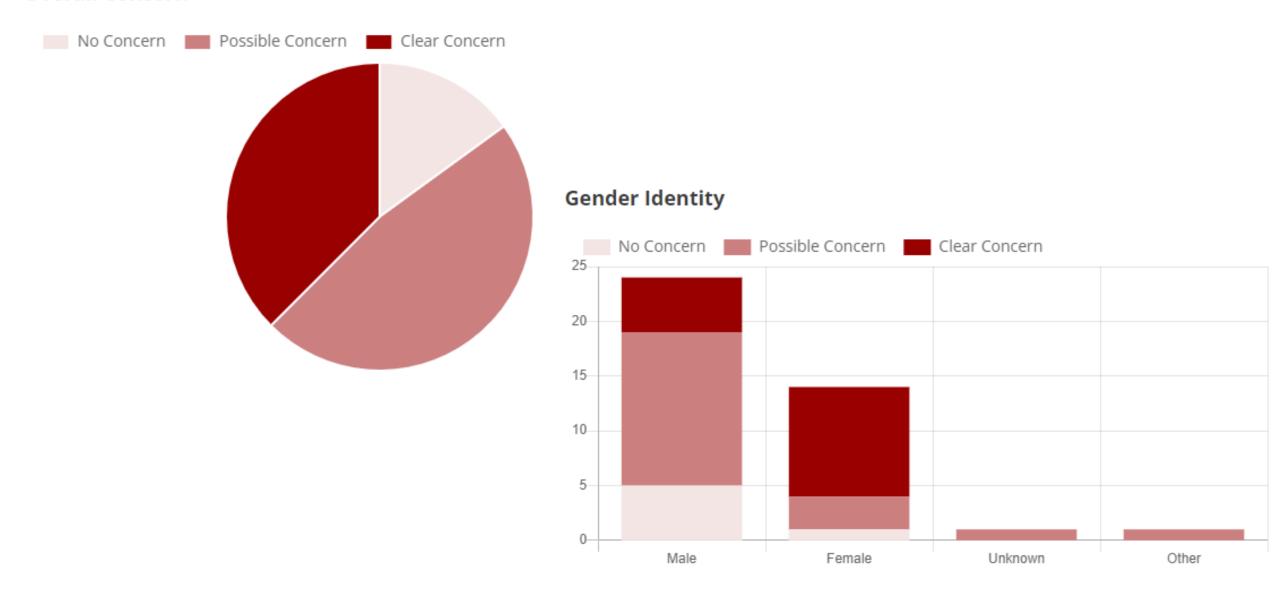
- Total number of hours of trainings/lunch & learns: 72.5 hours
- Total number of attendees: 660

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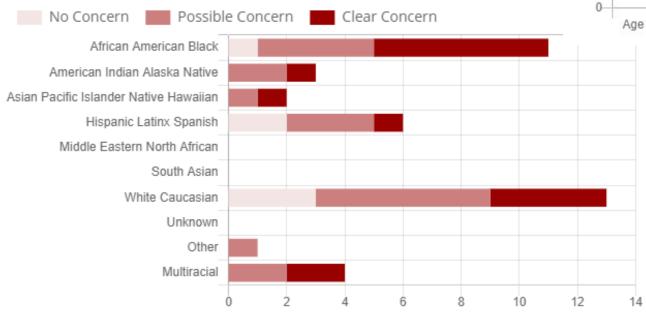
Receipt of a 3-year federal grant (OVC) to bring universal screening using the CSE-IT to King County Juvenile Court and Family Court Becca Programs.

- CSEC Screener hired in March 2022 and in the first month has screened 27 unique youth.
- King County Superior Court used grant funding to pay for additional agencies to be trained on the CSE-IT
 - King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC)
 - Harborview Assault and Trauma Center (HATC)
 - YouthCare
 - Y Social Impact Center
 - Children's Justice Center of King County (CJCKC)

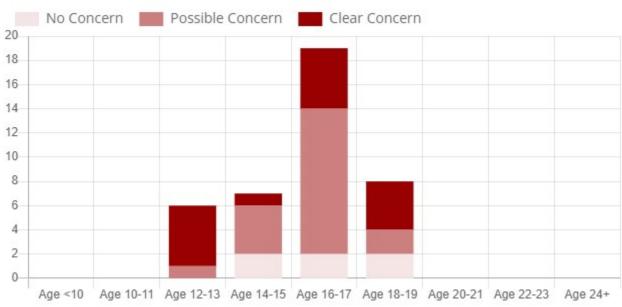
Overall Concern



Ethnicity



Age Group



Top Challenges in King County

Lack of access to behavior health services.

Lack of gender specific services for male identified youth.

Lack foster parents, lack of placements for youth.

Lack of a Westside Receiving Center under 1775.

Lack of detox facilities.

Lack of economic alternatives to trading sex.

Lack of services once a young person turns 18.

Difficulty connecting in a COVID world – all virtual outreach.

For the Legislature

Laws are not working as they were intended

- 1775 No Westside Receiving Center
- Ricky's Law, Joel's Law and <u>ITA Law</u> DCRs not responding timely or not understanding "grave disability or likelihood of serious harm" language with youth.

Law enforcement staffing is low which has drastically decreased the number of Trafficking Detectives

ASK: Need to increase the rate of pay for direct service professionals in order to maintain staffing levels at organizations providing services to youth.

ASK: Universal screening with validated tool at youth serving agencies including juvenile justice, child welfare, runaway and homeless youth, behavioral health. Could dedicated CSEC staff become screeners? Community Advocates, CSEC Liaisons, JPCs, etc.?