



Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Awareness Training

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Learning Objectives

- Increase understanding of CSEC and Human Trafficking
- Understand the trauma, abuse and victimization associated with commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Become familiar with warning signs that trafficking victims might display
- Increase knowledge of community resources available to victims
- Learn about how to get involved in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation

Icebreaker Activity

Imagine ...



Part I: The Issue

Defining Human Trafficking and
Other Key Elements to the Issue

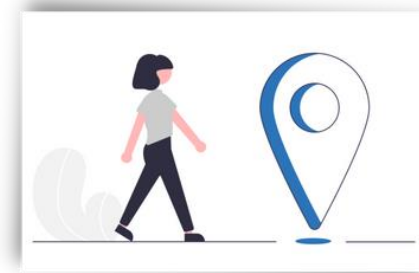


THE ISSUE

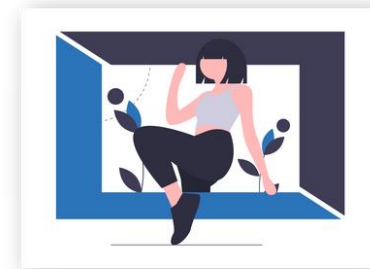
PART I



What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)?



Where and how it is happening?



Why language and words matter?



Myths vs. Facts

Youth choose to enter the sex trade

Children in the commercial sex industry are “bad kids”

Being in the life can be exciting and glamorous

Myths vs. Facts

Youth who are trafficked always identify as victims

Victims are usually kidnapped & held against their will

Kids solicit sex because of substance use disorder

Defining Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking

Labor Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

Commercial Sexual
Exploitation of
Children (CSEC)



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A crime that involves exploiting a person for labor services, or commercial sex

LABOR TRAFFICKING

Involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services by force, fraud, or coercion

SEX TRAFFICKING

A commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or when the person performing the act is under the age of 18





Defining Human Trafficking

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. (§ 16-5-46)

Per Georgia Law, CSEC is a form of violence and abuse against children.



Where and How Trafficking Occurs



Changing the Language

Pimp



Trafficker



Accountability & Glorification of
Pimp Culture

John



Exploiter/Buyer



Accountability/ John is
Blameless

Child Prostitute



Victim/ Survivor of
CSEC



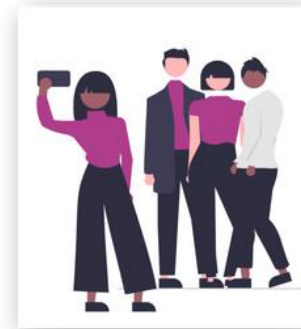
Decriminalization of
Children-Informed

Part II: The Impact

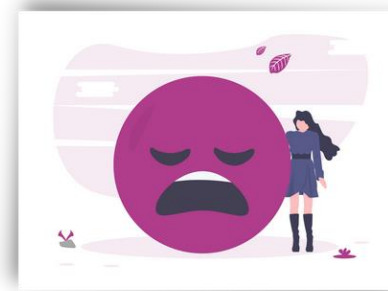
At-Risk Populations and
Consequences of CSEC



THE IMPACT



Who is impacted by CSEC?



How are they impacted?

PART II

Continuum of Sexual Abuse and CSEC

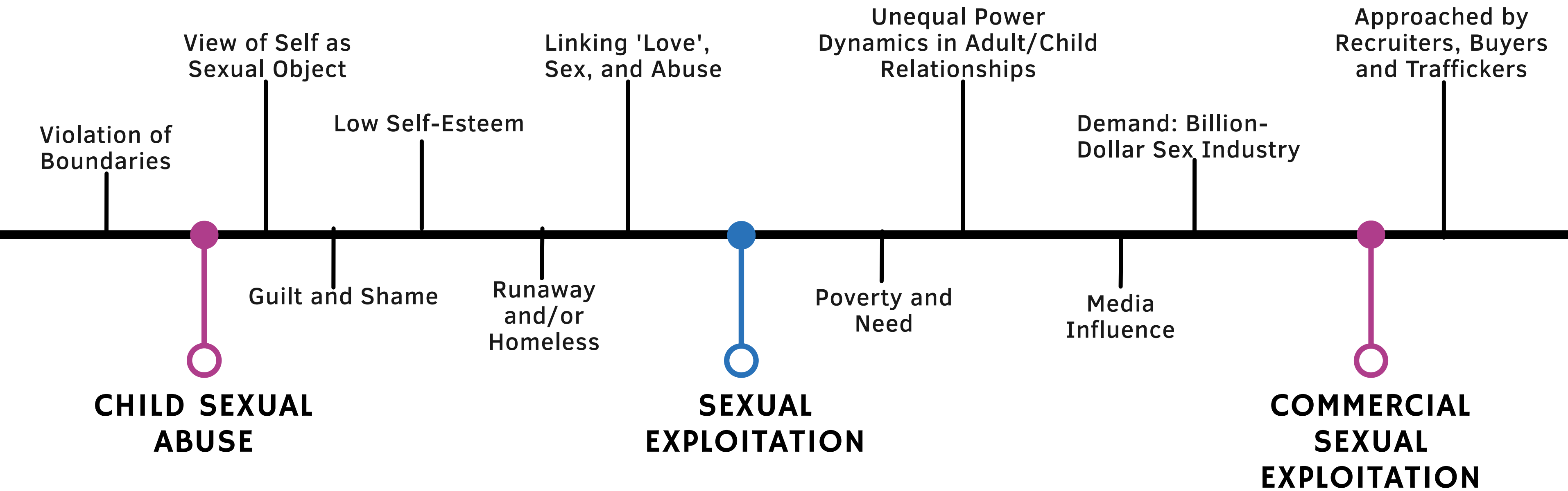


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Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

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Self-Actualization: Pursue life goals, inner talent, creativity, fulfillment



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Esteem: Respect from others, confidence, achievement, individuality



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Love and Belongingness: Attachment, friendship, family, to love and be loved, intimacy



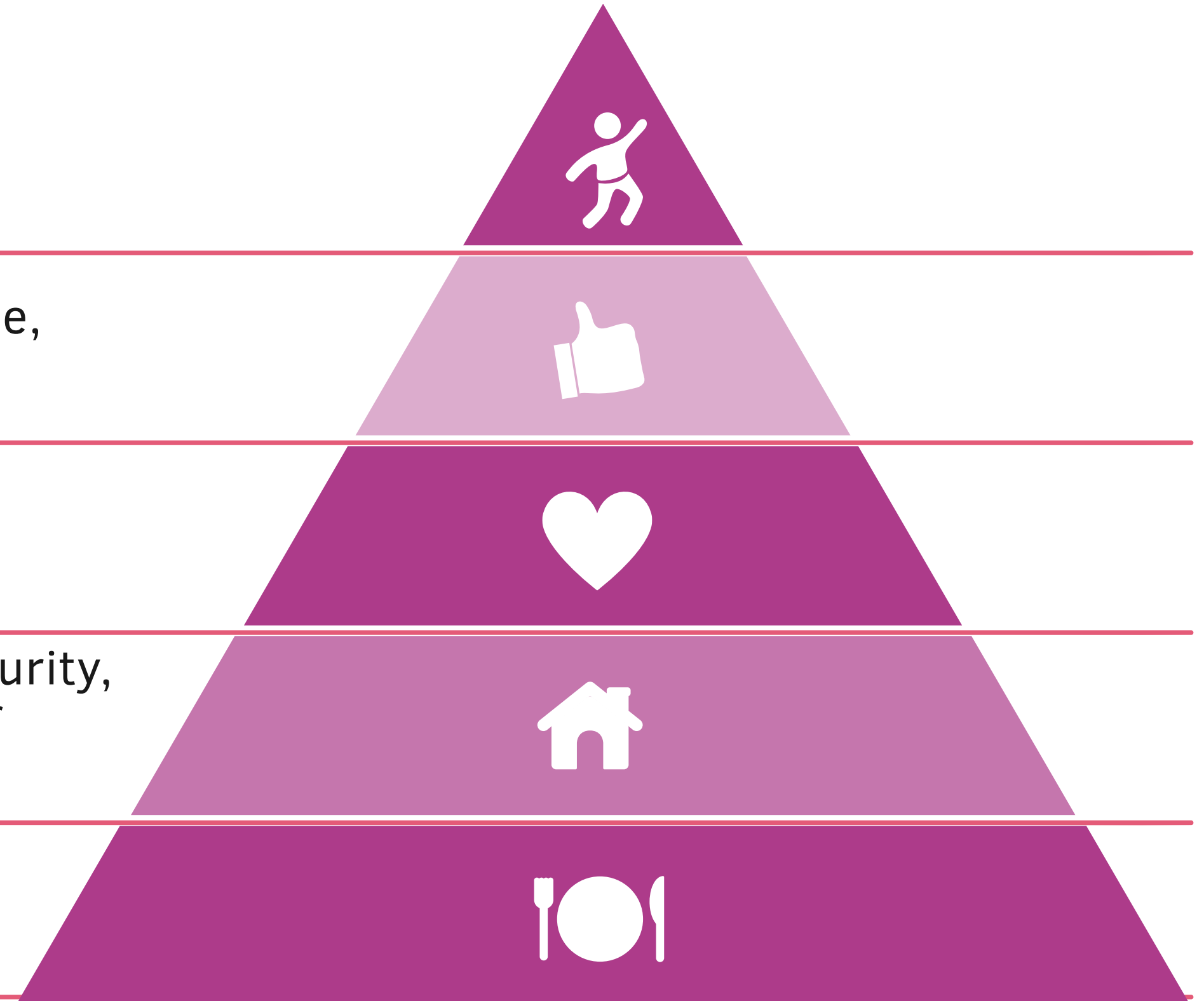
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Safety: Freedom from fear, financial security, employment, social stability, security of family, health, property



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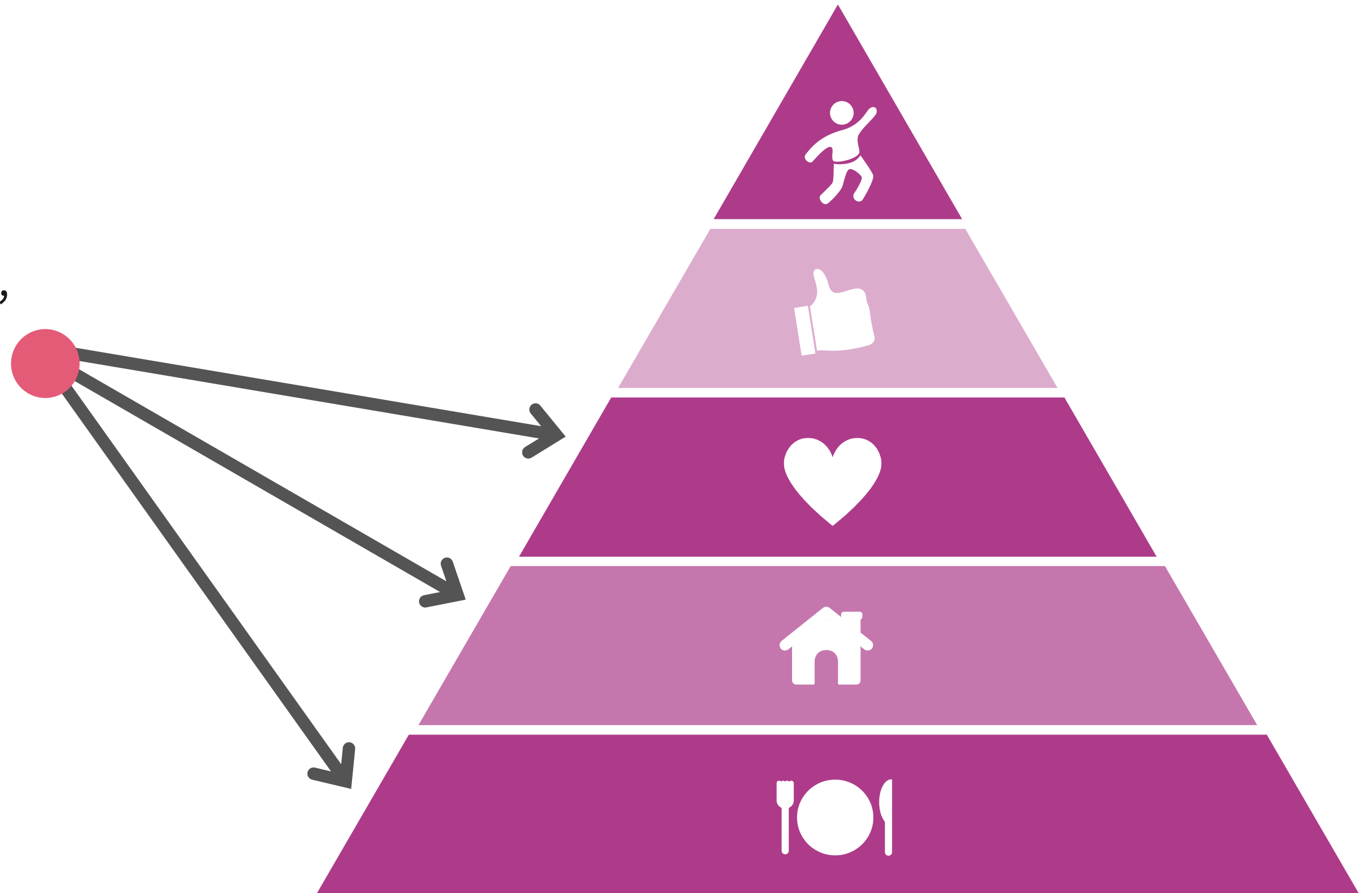
Physiological Needs: Food, water, shelter, clothing



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

“My job is to make sure she has what she needs, personal hygiene, get her nails done, take her to buy an outfit, take her out to eat, make her feel wanted...but I keep the money.”

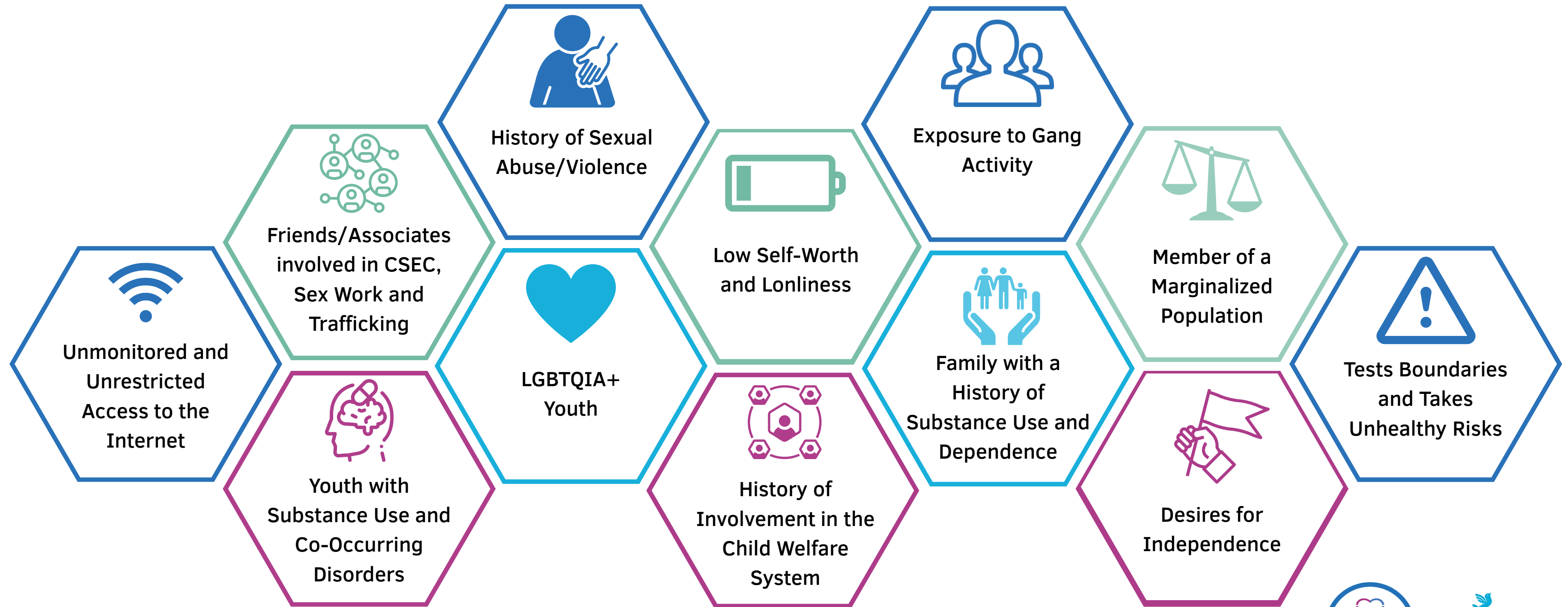
–Convicted pimp, Antoin Thurman, as quoted in the New York Times investigative series, Running in the Shadows: Children on Their Own (2009)





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Kids

Vulnerabilities



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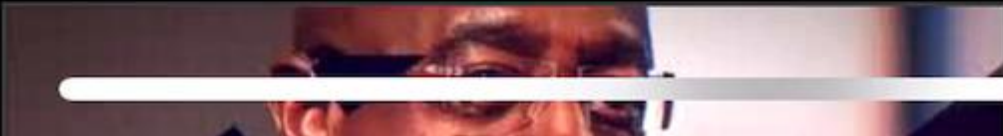
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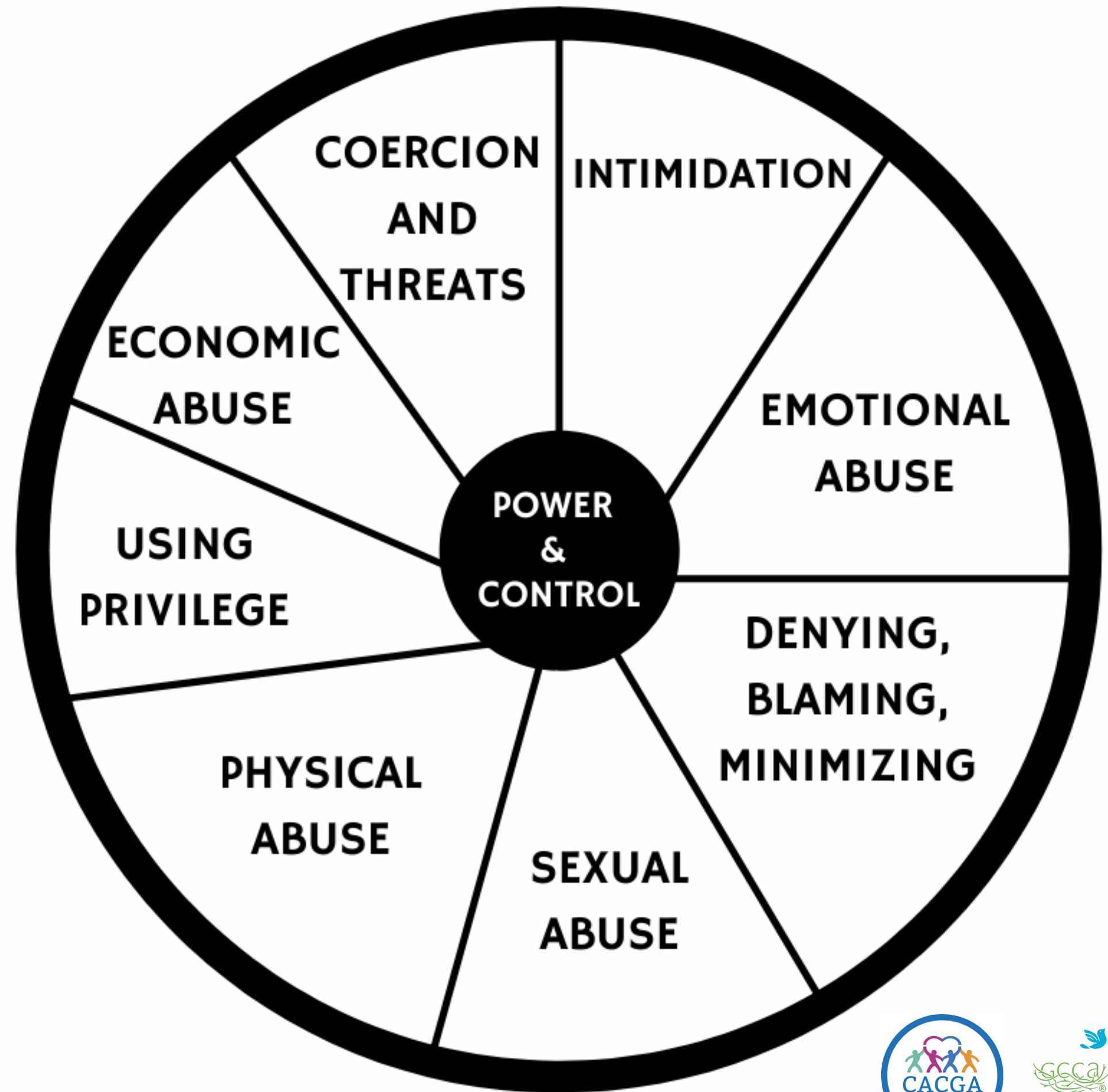


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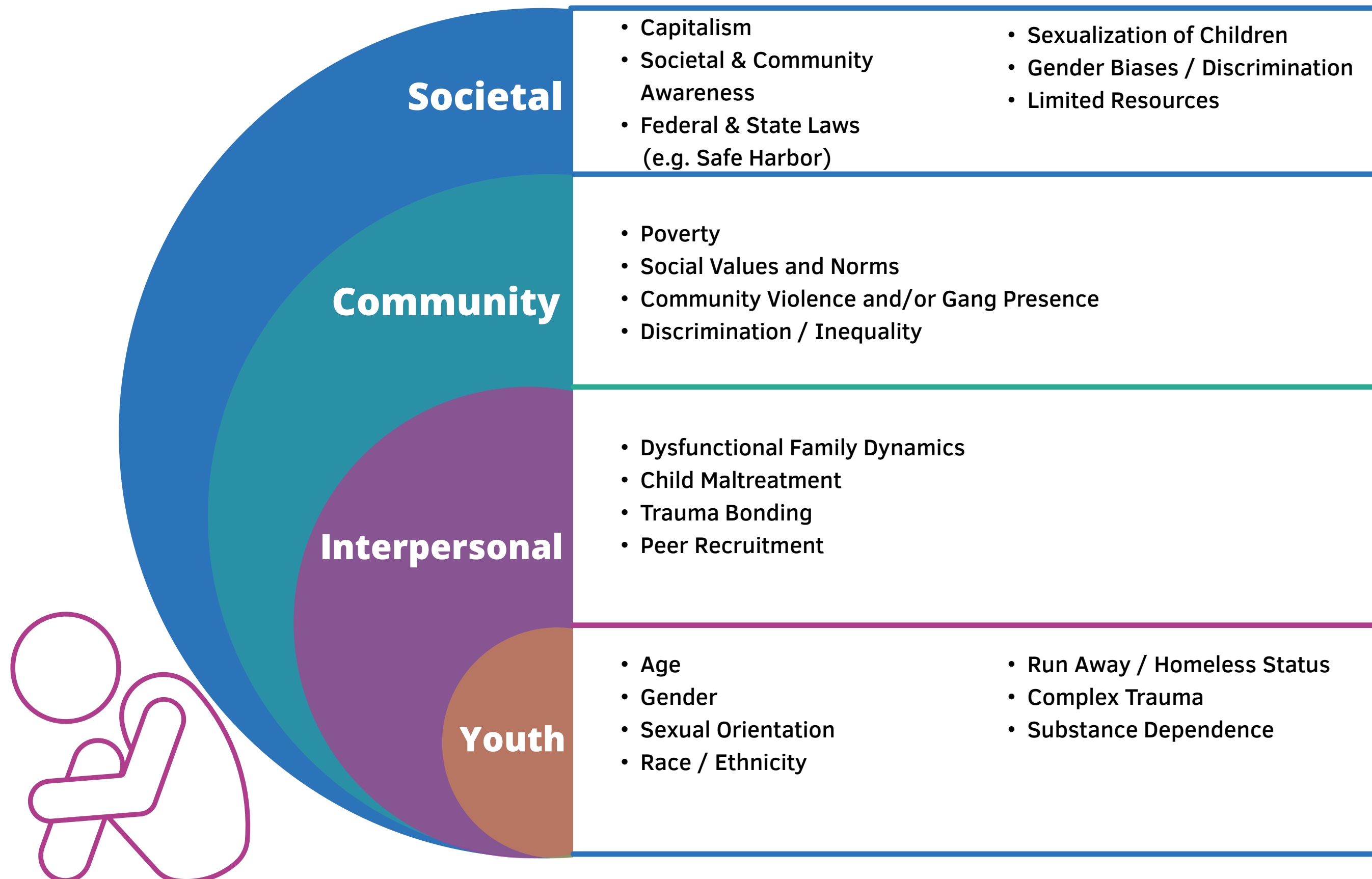


Human Trafficking Power and Control Wheel

The Human Trafficking Power and Control Wheel illustrates the methods traffickers use to maintain influence over a victim.



A Social Ecological Perspective



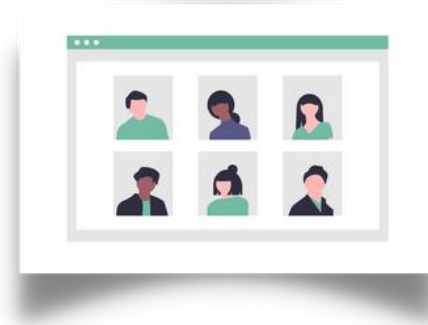
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How to Help Youth Victims in Georgia

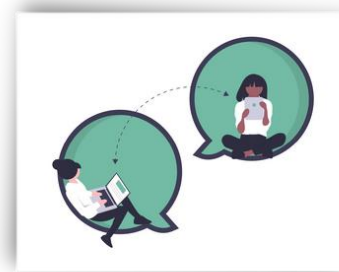


THE RESPONSE

PART III



Why is a collaborative response important?



What is being done to serve these youth?



How do you report?

Multidisciplinary Team Approach to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



Core Elements of the CSEC Response Team



24/7 HOTLINE

Operation of a 24-hour hotline to provide assistance to victims of human trafficking and individuals calling to report suspected trafficking.



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH

Initiate and facilitate collaborative multi-disciplinary team assessments and services for suspected trafficking victims.



INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Community based follow-up care and after care services through multi-disciplinary coordination and intensive case management/enhanced family advocacy.

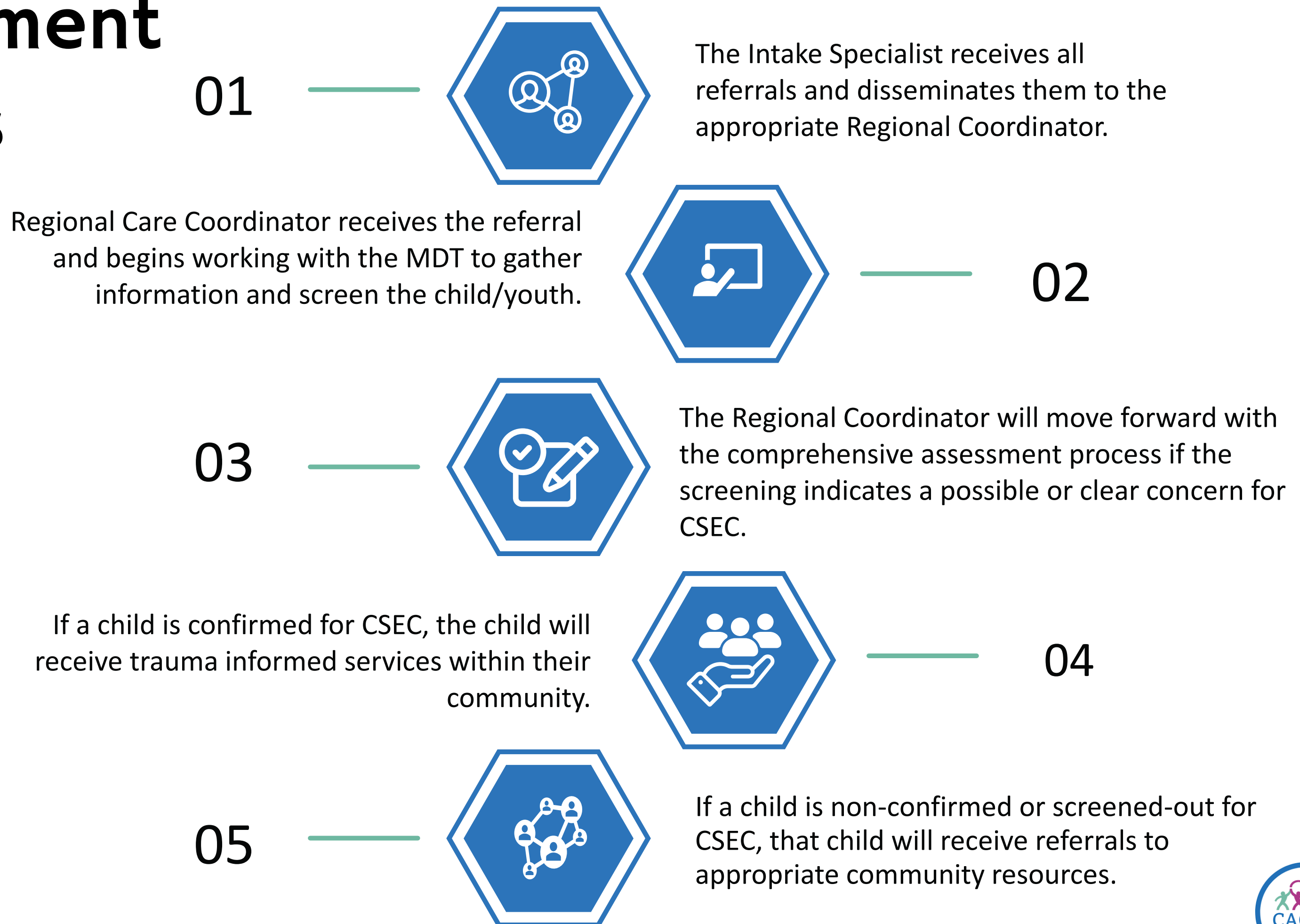


ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Coordinate with existing anti-trafficking organizations and law enforcement agencies to develop and conduct trainings for professionals serving trafficking victims and community members working to identify trafficking victims.



Assessment Process



Medical Services

Medical services are a priority for this initiative

- SANE Exams
- STI Testing
- Drug Screenings
- Pregnancy Tests

Medical exams are handled per the Child Abuse Protocols and Interagency Agreements that are in place across the state.

- MDTs collaborate to make the best referrals for the child's ongoing medical services.



Mandated Reporting

01

MAKE A REPORT
TO DFCS

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



02

MAKE A REFERRAL TO
CACGA

1-866-END-HTGA
1-866-363-4842



03

MAKE A REPORT TO
LAW ENFORCEMENT

911



CSEC Response Statewide Data

2022



213
Hotline Calls

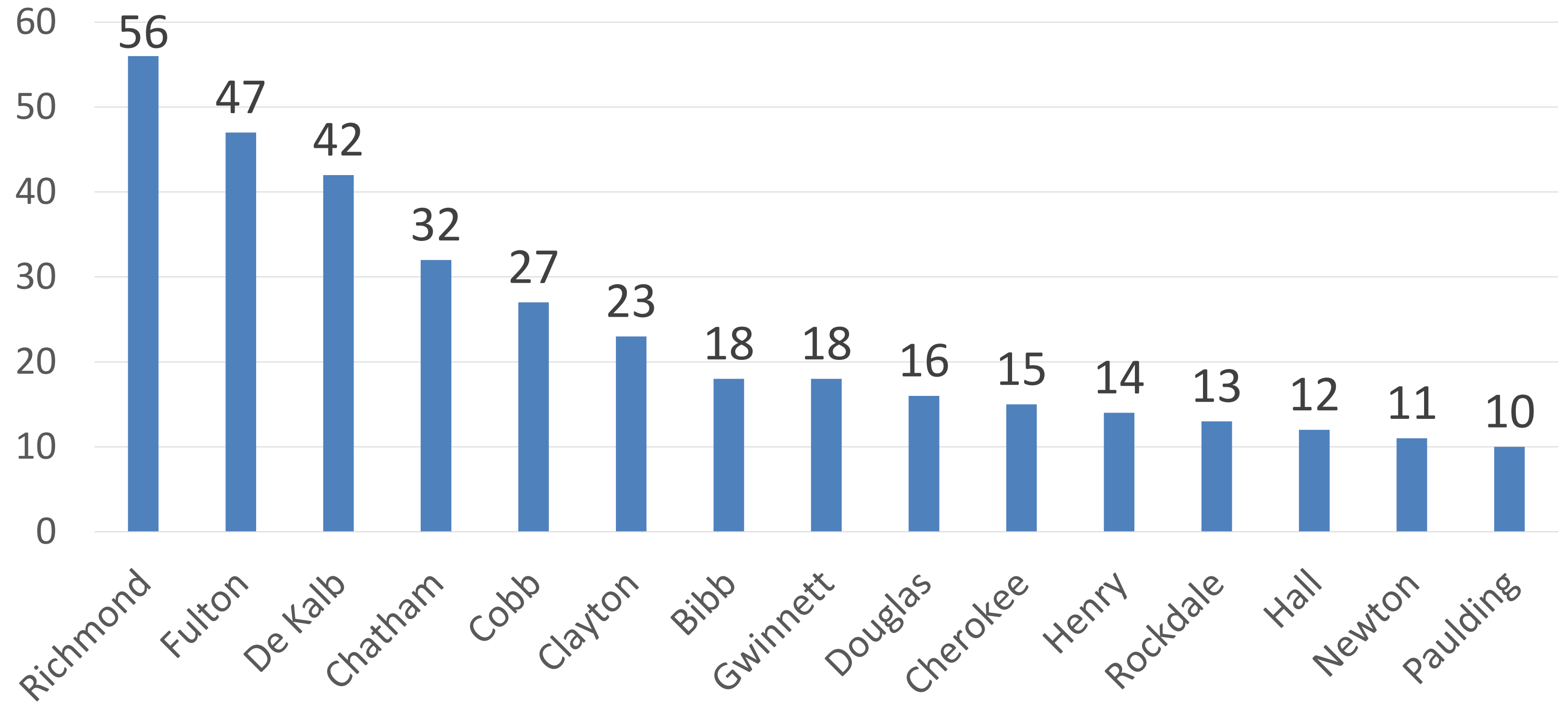


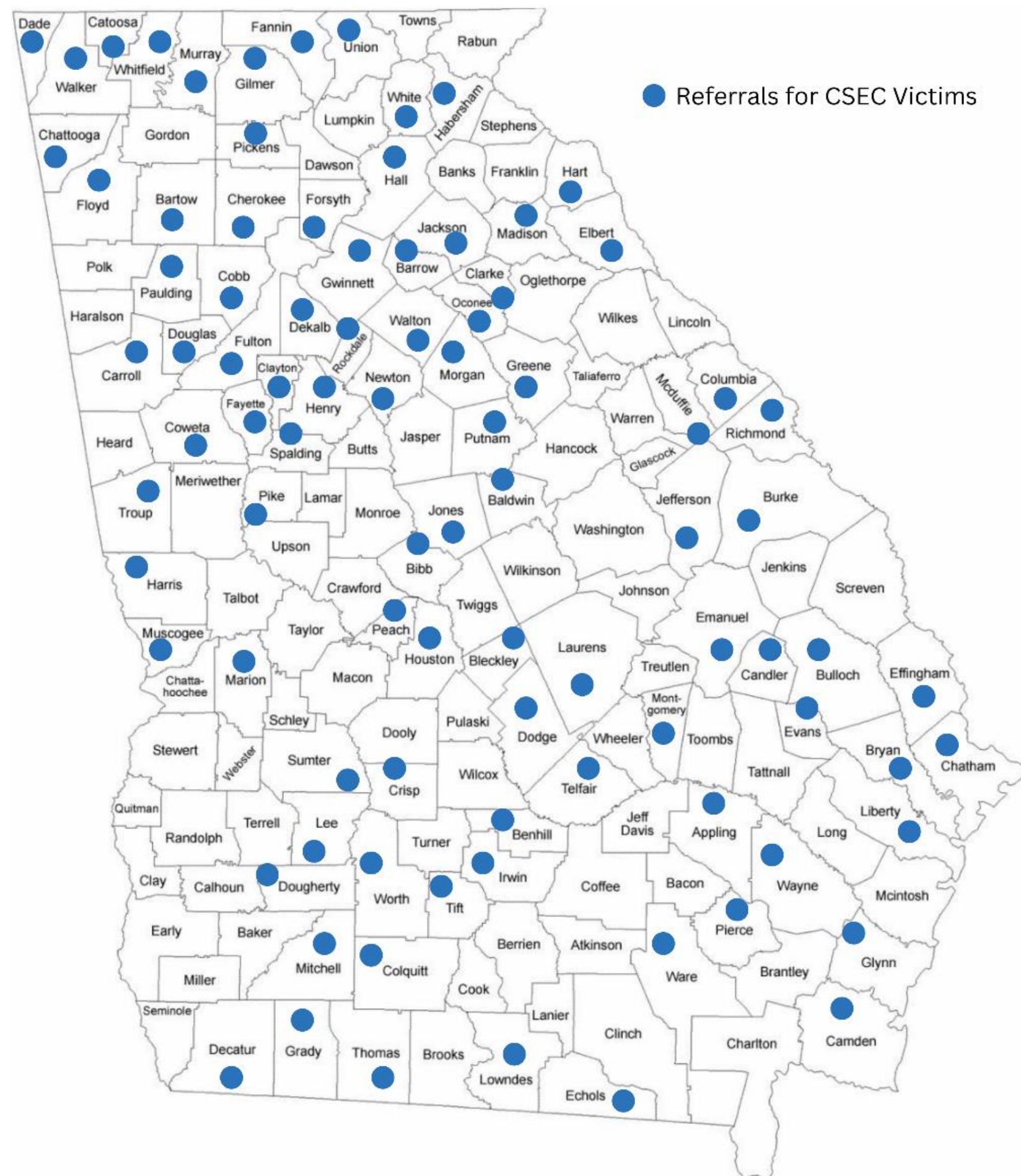
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Web Referrals



772 Youth
Served

Referrals by Legal County 2022





- Web referrals received **95 counties** throughout the state of Georgia with the highest number of referrals coming from
- Richmond (62)
- Fulton (50)
- Dekalb (39)
- Chatham (32)
- Cobb (25)

Part IV: Prevention

What we can do to Prevent
and/or Identify Early On

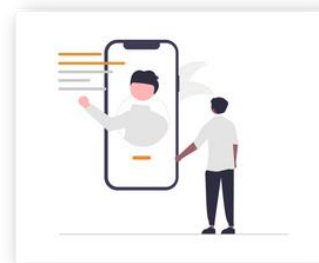


PREVENTION

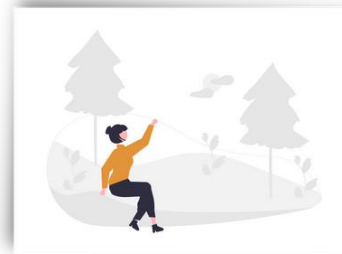
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How do we prevent children from being victimized?

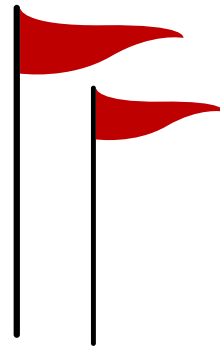


What do we do if we suspect a child is being trafficked?



How can we intervene?

Red Flags



CSEC youth may exhibit one or more of these signs



Red Flags with Technology



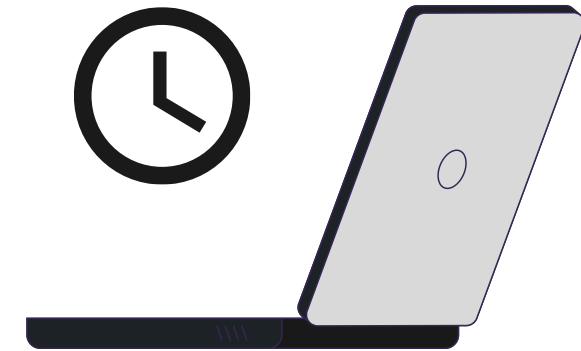
PRIVATE PHONE CALLS



**HIDING SCREEN
WHEN YOU COME
INTO THE ROOM**



**BECOMING
INCREASINGLY SECRETIVE**



**SPENDING INCREASING
TIME ONLINE**



**NOT TALKING OPENLY
ABOUT ONLINE
ACTIVITIES**



**VAGUE TALK OF NEW
FRIEND WITH NO DETAILS**



**PATTERNS OF LEAVING HOME
FOR PERIODS
OF TIME**

Safety Planning

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that can help youth avoid dangerous situations, and know how to react should they find themselves in one.

Some Practice with Safety Planning...

- You met a really nice person online. One day they message you to say they want to meet up with you.
- You're at a friend's house party. Someone starts following you around and touches you, making you uncomfortable.
- You texted nude pictures of yourself to someone, and they showed other people.



WHAT DO YOU DO?



Prevention and Action

LEARN

Gain more knowledge and feel empowered by taking a child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention training

TALKING TO YOUTH

Talking to youth about body safety, sex, sexual abuse, healthy vs unhealthy relationships, consent, social media and online safety, trusted adults, their vulnerabilities, labor laws and expectations, and how to seek help can better equip them and prevent (or help them early identify) from being trafficked.

TAKE ACTION

Share what you've learned today with others. Encourage your school district to implement a human trafficking prevention curriculum in their school. Connect with your elected officials to advocate for more laws and help combat human trafficking.

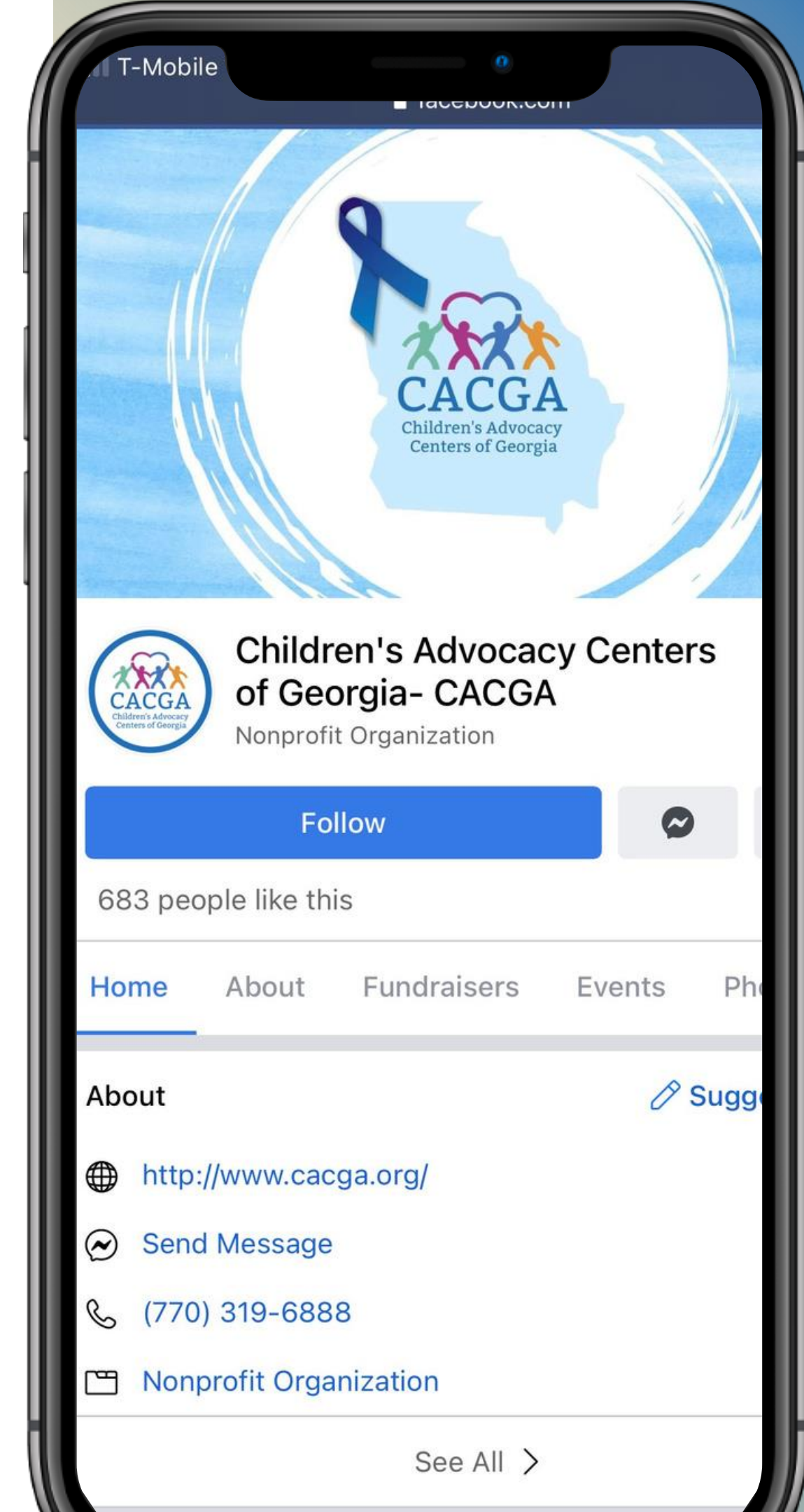
INVEST

Volunteer, support, and donate to anti-trafficking efforts and organizations in your community



How to get Involved

- Share what you have learned today
- Request additional training
- Connect with your local Human Trafficking Response Organizations
- Talk to children about child sexual abuse and exploitation



Reflection

“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”

–William Wilberforce





Thank you!

Thanks for joining today.
I'd love to stay in touch.

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