Joe Lombardo *Governor*



Richard Whitley

Director

Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC Coalition)

Division of Child and Family Services

Betsey Crumrine, Acting Deputy Administrator

April 26, 2024



Department of Health and Human Services

Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Agenda

- 1. Overview of CSEC Coalition
- 2. Coalition Meetings held in 2023
- 3. Challenges and Barriers Encountered in 2023
- 4. 2023 Data Collected
- 5. Plan for 2024
- 6. Questions



Overview of CSEC Coalition

- The first Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC Coalition) was established by State of Nevada Executive Order 2016-14 on May 31, 2016.
- In 2020, Governor Sisolak directed the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to establish a statewide Coalition going forward.
- The focus of the CSEC Coalition is to ensure, implement, and develop recommendations for services, legislation, and best practices for CSEC in the state of Nevada.
- NRS 424.273 created the position of a CSEC coordinator of services [Effective July 1, 2023.]



Coalition Meetings in 2023

- A Coalition meeting was held on March 21, 2023.
- 3 other meetings had been scheduled but did not move forward.
- Over the past year, the Human Trafficking Coalition was formed, consisting with similar membership as the CSEC Coalition. Feedback received indicated there was a desire to look at aligning the coalitions, and ensuring there is no duplication of work. DCFS is working internally to accomplish this and to resume the work.
- DCFS administered a survey to collect additional feedback and to regain members' commitment to the group.
- Next meeting is in May 2024 and then every other month through the end of the year, if agreed upon by the group.



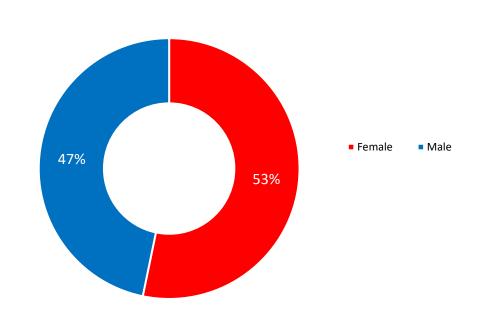
Challenges and Barriers

- Staff transitions
- New staff learning program role, group dynamics, and challenges with obtaining a quorum
- Creation of Human Trafficking Coalition (feedback received, duplicative)
- Difficult to get engagement with members



2023 CSEC Data

In 2023, 7,593 children in Nevada were screened for potential CSEC involvement. This is lower than the 10,955 screened in 2022. The average age in this population was 13.5 years old. More girls were screened (4,043) than boys (3,550).

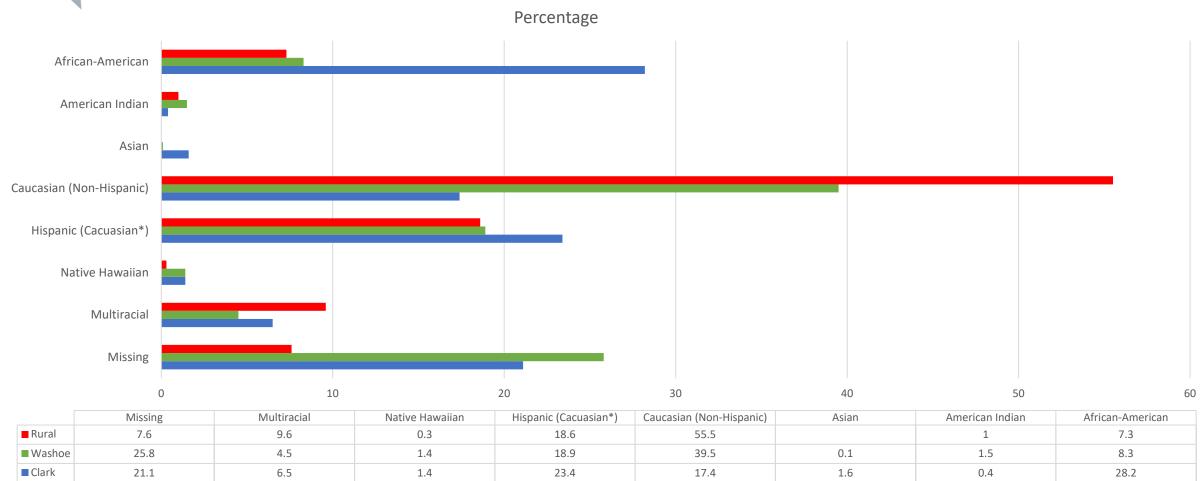


Screenings by Region

- Clark County 85.7%
- Washoe County 10.3% of the cases (increase from 8.8% in 2022)
- Rural Region Child Welfare 4%
- The gender ratios were the same in 2023 as they were in 2022.



2023 CSEC Data Race of children screened





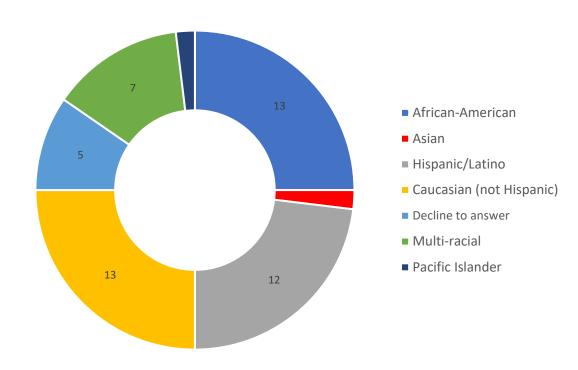
2023 CSEC Data CSEC Victims

<u>In 2023</u>

- 7,953 youth screened
- 58 were identified as CSEC victims
- This is lower than the 115 victims identified in 2022

Regional Breakdown

- 4 Washoe County (all female)
- 2 Rural Region Child Welfare (both female)
- 52 Clark County (2 were male)





Plan for 2024

- Reconvene CSEC Coalition, process new applications, calendar meetings for the year. Survey sent out to coalition members reaffirming commitment.
- Program has been absorbed internally and no longer relies on contractors. Dedicated employee
 in the coordinator role.
- Coordinate and collaborate with the Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition to ensure no duplication of efforts. Collaboration has been initiated.
- Update Nevada's CSEC strategic plan.
- Work toward improving the quality of data reported to the Statistical Analysis Center at UNLV.
- Conduct a comprehensive inventory and assessment of current CSEC programs, available training, services, and initiatives currently active in the state.
- Integrate CSEC objectives into DCFS's Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), Nevada's 5-year federal strategic plan for child welfare.



Questions?



Contact Information

Lupie Janos Social Services Chief III mjanos@dcfs.nv.gov Rossana Dagdagan
Social Services Program
Specialist III
r.dagdagan@dcfs.nv.gov

https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CSEC/CSEC/



Acronyms

CSEC – Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children