

The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER

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CSEC Coalition's purpose

Per the Governor's Executive Order 2016-14, the Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC Coalition) seeks to: (1) Mobilize all available resources in Nevada to provide a coordinated response to stopping commercial sexual exploitation of children, aiding its victims, and bringing perpetrators of this crime to justice; and (2) support the implementation of Public Law 113-183, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014, which requires states to identify, document and determine appropriate services for children who are victims of sex trafficking or at risk of victimization.

CSEC Coalition's mandates and goals

Per the Governor's Executive Order 2016-14, the CSEC Coalition shall prepare a comprehensive *Statewide Strategic Plan* and recommendations on how to address the Sex Trafficking Provisions of Public Law 113-183, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Aligning efforts by promoting strategic and coordinated services for victims at the State, county, local, and tribal levels.
- Improving understanding by expanding and coordinating child sex trafficking-related research, data, and evaluations to support evidence-based victim services.
- Expanding access to services by providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to increase victim identification and expand the availability of services.
- Improving outcomes by promoting effective, culturally-appropriate, trauma-informed services that improves the short-and long-term health, safety, and well-being of child victims.
- Developing public awareness campaigns to better inform communities across Nevada about the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

The means by which the CSEC Coalition will accomplish these goals includes:

1. Identifying a model coordinated response protocol that is grounded in best practices and aids in identifying CSEC and those at risk of CSEC, in treating them as crime victims rather than criminals, and in providing these children the services they need.
2. The model protocol may be adapted to meet regional or local needs.
3. Receiving and responding to reports and recommendations from the Executive Committee and subcommittees, including practice, policy and/or legislative changes that would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services.

CSEC Coalition's mission

The CSEC Coalition's *mission* is to:

To combat commercial, sexual exploitation of children in Nevada with a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach.

CSEC Coalition's guiding principles

The CSEC Coalition's *guiding principles* are attached as Addendum A.

Role of the CSEC Coalition's Legal Subcommittee

The *objective* of the Legal Subcommittee is to:

Identify and provide recommendations regarding statutory or regulatory issues that arise in the development and implementation of CSEC services.

Toward this end, the Legal Subcommittee will develop and implement the following *strategies*:

1. Consider and draft any needed revisions to NRS 432B to ensure compliance with federal law, e.g. the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA) Program Improvement Plan requirements.
2. Review and provide recommendations regarding Nevada's Safe Harbor law in light of any proposed NRS 432B revisions and federal rulings.
3. Provide input on a draft template of a memorandum of understanding for regional task forces regarding the implementation of the CSEC Coalition's approved Model Coordinated Response Protocol.
4. Provide consultation to subcommittees regarding legislative requests and/or legal impact of recommendations.
5. Other strategies as identified by the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee shall submit the following recommendations to the Executive Committee for review and submission to the CSEC Coalition.

1. The *plan* to implement these strategies.
2. The *timeframe* in which to complete related tasks.
3. The *resources* available and/or needed to complete these tasks.