



**StreetLightUSA**

***Specializing in the Treatment of Trauma  
from Child Sexual Exploitation***

StreetLightUSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing \*CSE/CSEC specialized services since 2011.

*\*CSE- Child Sexual Exploitation/CSEC- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*

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## CSE

Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse that can include contact and non-contact sexual activities and/or exposure to sexually inappropriate content. It can occur online and/or in person. It occurs when an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18... (UK- Dept of Educ- see below for link)

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## CSEC

Range of crimes and activities involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a child for the **financial benefit** of any person or in exchange for anything of value (including monetary and non-monetary benefits) given or received by any person.(Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention)

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[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/591903/CSE\\_Guidance\\_Core\\_Document\\_13.02.2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/591903/CSE_Guidance_Core_Document_13.02.2017.pdf)

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Levels of Care

Group Home  
2011

Behavioral Health  
Residential  
Facility 2019



## CSE/CSEC & Trauma Responsive Services

- Screening and Referral
- Assessment for CSE/CSEC and Trauma\*
- Trauma Healing Individual, Group, and Family Therapy\*
- Psychiatric Evaluation and Medication Management\*
- Online Education through State Accredited Educational Provider with In-House Academic Support
- Behavior Support Incentive Program
- Equine Facilitated Coping Skills Group\*
- Emotional Support Pet Visits\*
- Life Skills Groups (e.g. Sleep Hygiene, Healthy Relationships, Healing Arts)
- Fitness and Wellness Classes\*
- Culturally Responsive Recreational Activities
- Diversity and Inclusivity Responsive Support
- In-House Optional Pastoral Support Services
- Pediatric Medical Care by Nationally Recognized Pediatric Partner experienced in CSE care

*\*BHRF Service Only*

## Admission Criteria

- Female at birth
- Age Range: 13-17
- Confirmed or highly suspected history of CSE/CSEC.
- No active use of illegal and/or unprescribed substances and/or alcohol by the time of admission.
  - To include being medically cleared for alcohol detoxification.
  - Preferred minimum length of time since last use: 2 weeks.
- Mental status examination shows intact reality testing, with no indication of current dissociation and/or actively untreated psychosis and delusions (not directly related to trauma).
  - If the prospective resident lacks full orientation, it is directly related to recent exploitation/trafficking and/or trauma factors.
- No indications for danger to other residents and staff.
- Danger-to-self factors are limited to ongoing and/or pervasive intrusive thoughts and active management of para-suicide/self-harming behaviors secondary to trauma.
  - Active plans accompanied with high risk of acting on thoughts and high lethality are considered indicators for referral to higher level of care in order to safeguard child's safety.
- Referent and legal guardian(s) agrees to all policies and procedures, to include all integrative services and academics that comprise The Sanctuary's holistic trauma treatment model.
- Prospective resident is willing to actively engage in treatment and all services that comprise StreetLightUSA's holistic model of care, as well as agrees to follow the program's community expectations and behavior support incentive program.



## StreetLightUSA Team Expertise and Organizational Dedication to the Community

- Leadership holds extensive experience in working with refugee, underserved/minority, and exploited/trafficked populations (within the US and Internationally).
- Direct Service and Clinical Teams are trained on working with CSE/CSEC survivors and complex trauma.
- Services and Curriculum is survivor informed.
- Active members of state task forces and the Victim Services Workgroup for GOYFF's Human Trafficking Council
- Active engagement in prevention, awareness, and outreach community events/presentations.
- Provide consultation and training to organizations interested in program development within CSE/CSEC.



## StreetLightUSA Demographics

- Most frequent age: 16
- Most frequent ACE scores: 6-7
- Primary method of exploitation: Boyfriend/Romeo Pimp, followed by Online Sexual Luring/Exploitation.
- Average Sexual Orientation: 50% Bi-Sexual or Other
- In 2022 our Group Home served 30 residents between the ages of 14-17
  - 70% identified as Latino/Hispanic
  - 50% identified as Black/African American
  - 10% identified as Indigenous
- Our BHRF receives between 37-47 referrals per year (in state and nationally).
  - Since 2019, it has served 17 survivors.
  - AWOL rates:
    - 2019-2020: 0
    - 2020-2021: 1

# Additional Information

## Methods of Exploitation

(StreetLightUSA Categorization)

Boyfriend/Romeo Pimp

Online Exploitation/Social Media

Familial

Organized Crime

Survival Based

## Adverse Childhood Experience Survey (ACES)

10 Questions for Adverse Childhood Experiences

The higher the ACE score (0-10), the greater the risk for chronic disease, mental illness, violence and being a victim of violence.

People with high ACE scores are more likely to be violent, to have more marriages, more broken bones, more drug prescriptions, more depression, and more autoimmune diseases.

People with an ACE score of 6+ are at risk of their lifespan being shortened by 20 years.

The **CYW ACE-Q** includes the 10 original ACE questions, plus questions about early life stressors (e.g., death of parent or guardian, bullying or harassment at school, neighborhood violence, etc.).

StreetLightUSA utilizes this version.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html>

# Questions

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