

# Report to the Family and Human Services Committee

June 8, 2015



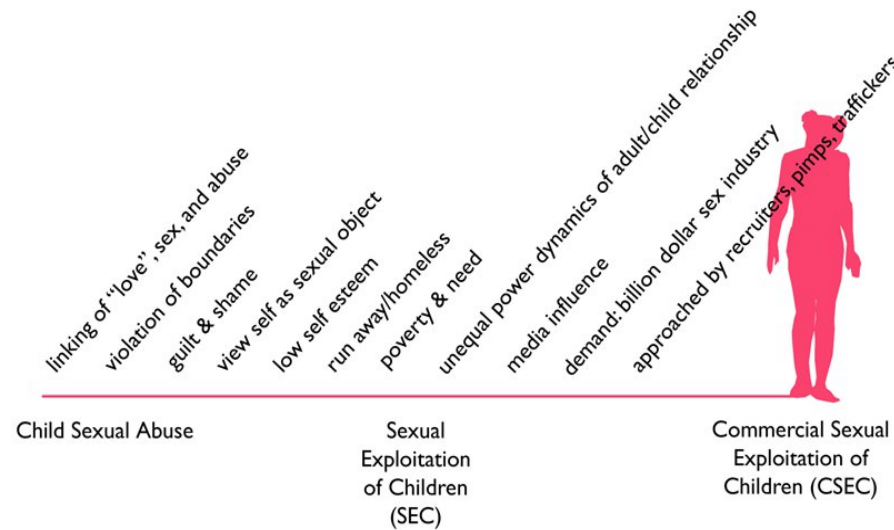
# Purpose:

- Provide an Update on Responding to Human Trafficking – Spotlight on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Provide an Update on Development of Family Justice Center(s)

# Human Trafficking – Spotlight on Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

# Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Face Complex & Daunting Challenges

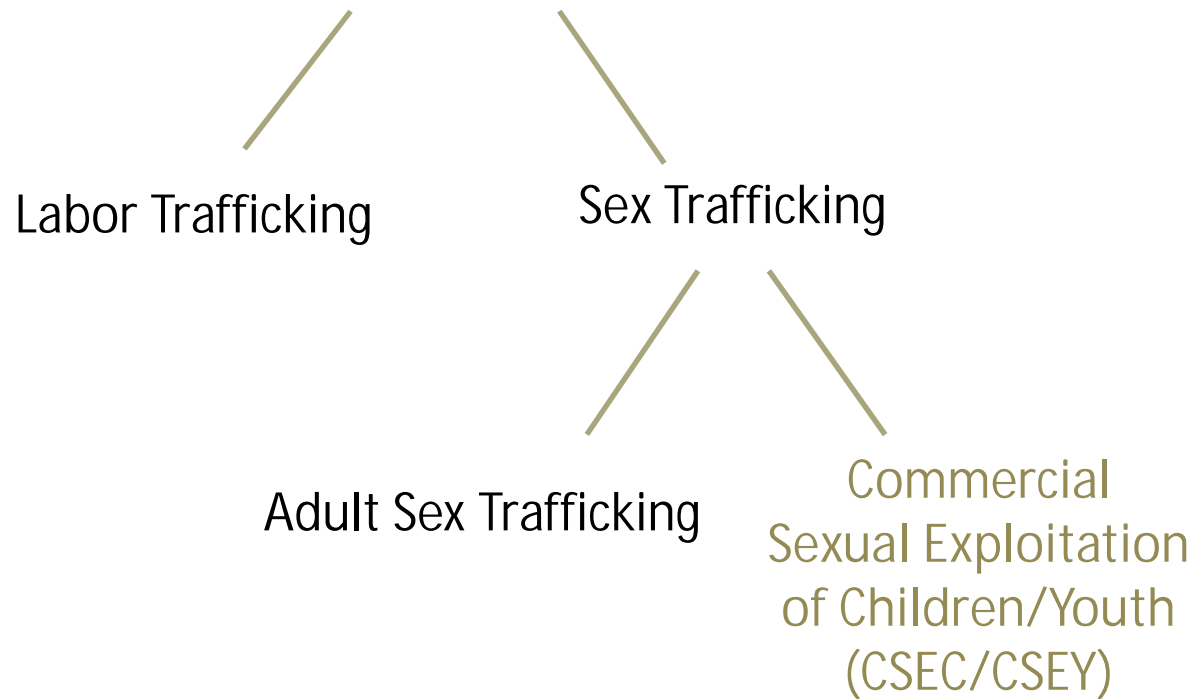
- Most victims experienced complex trauma before becoming victims of trafficking
- Victims will often cycle through the stages of exploitation



- Interventions must be trauma-informed, victim-centered, strengths-based, and culturally relevant.

# Responding to and Preventing CSEC

## Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition



# Progress to Date

- Building Service Capacity
- Expanded Policy & Role for Children & Family Services  
New legislation (SB855) established CSEC may be served through the child welfare system as victims of child abuse.
- Increasing Coordination
- Training Efforts
- Pilots

# Family Justice Alliance Update

# Family Justice Model is Best Practice Approach in Contra Costa Connecting the Dots

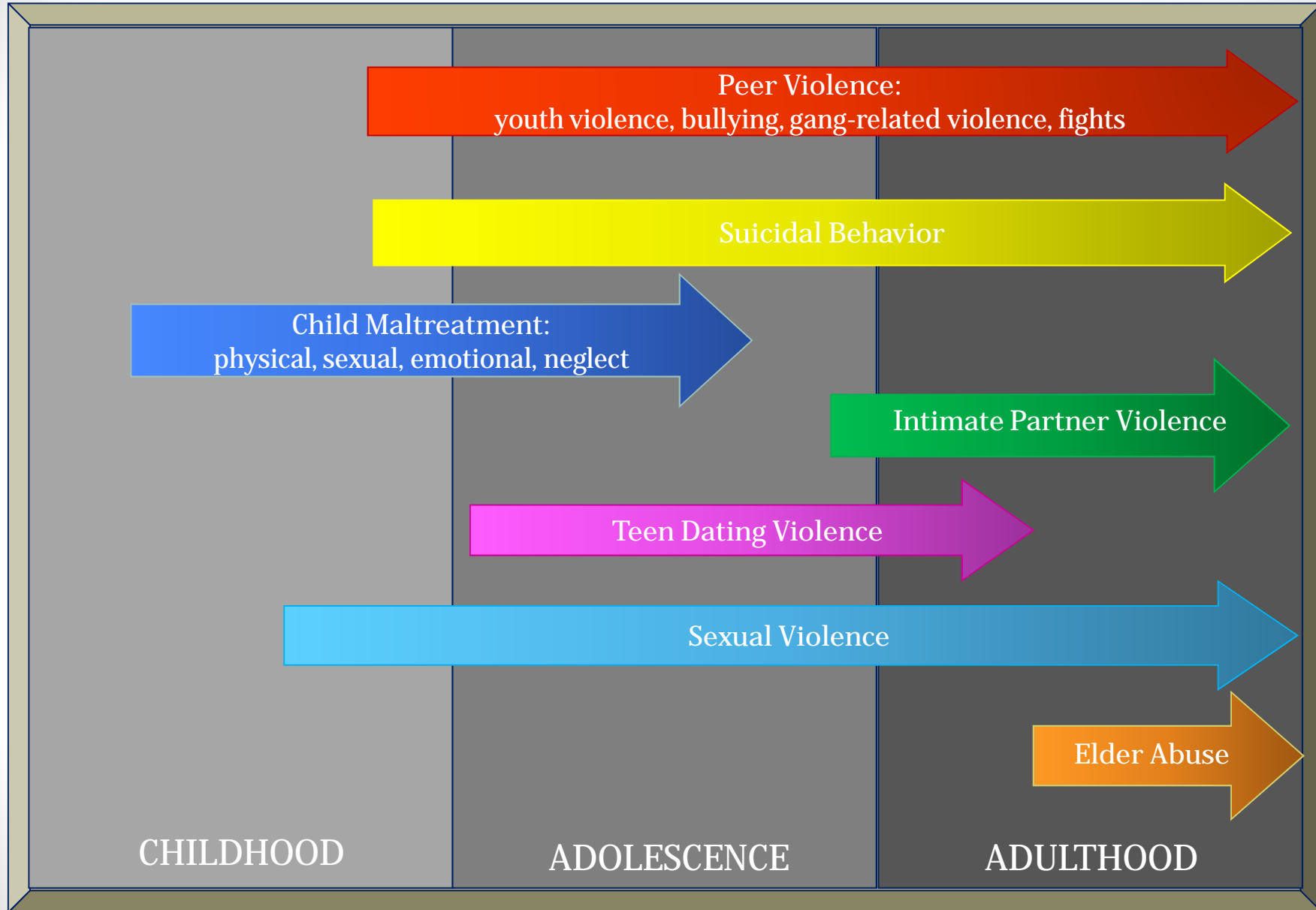
“Gang violence is connected to bullying  
is connected to school violence is  
connected to intimate partner violence  
is connected to child abuse is connected  
to elder abuse. It’s all connected.”

-Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Adjunct Professor,  
Harvard School of Public Health

Source: Wilkins, N., Tsao, B., Hertz, M., Davis, R., Klevens, J. (2014). Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Oakland, CA: Prevention Institute.



# Different Forms of Violence



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Violence Prevention

What is a Family Justice Center?



# Ensuring Success through Creation of Contra Costa's Family Justice Alliance

- Creating a “network”, now called Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance
- Planning process led by Zero Tolerance for DV Initiative will create a shared governance structure and sustainability plan for new, existing, and future centers by May 2016

# Progress to Date

- ✓ Planning group with assistance of Glen Price Group researched models of governance
- ✓ Initial recommendation is to consider hybrid model with emphasis on county-city-community partnerships. Creation of 501(c) (3) part of possible structure.
- ✓ Supported opening of Central center and began discussions in East/Far East.
- ✓ Engagement of County departments and community
- ✓ Garnered strong support from city governments
- ✓ Leveraged funds; supported diverse financing partnerships

# Questions?

## THANK YOU!

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