

Specialized Foster Homes Needed

Each year 300-500 youth in King County are commercially sexually exploited and currently there are not enough caring homes for these youth.

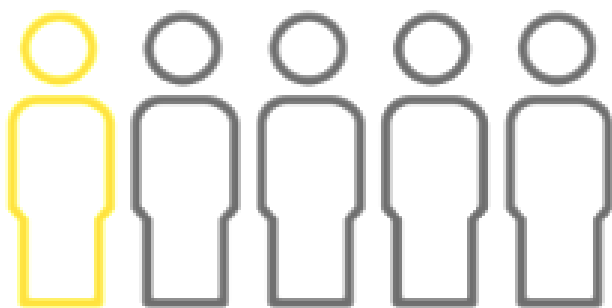
HOW YOU CAN HELP: Become a foster parent! King County is starting a new and innovative program—the *Puget Sound CSEC Foster Care Pilot Program*—to serve these youth!

CAREGIVERS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

- ◆ Extensive training and support—both upfront and ongoing
- ◆ Access to a CSEC social work expert for consultation services
- ◆ In home support services and respite care
- ◆ Ongoing community building/recreational activities for families and children

WHAT: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) happens when a person buys, trades, or sells sexual acts with a child under the age of 18.

WHO: Many of the same risk factors that lead children to enter the foster care system also leave children vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation. For example, lack of family connections and past abuse.



ONE IN FIVE ENDANGERED RUNAWAYS
ARE LIKELY TO BE EXPLOITED

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

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This pilot project is operated in partnership by the following organizations:

