



FROM APP TO EXPLOITATION: COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE DIGITAL SPACE

THE RESEARCH, TRENDS, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP YOUTH SAFE AND INFORMED.

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Today's young people were born and raised in the digital age. Ninety-five percent of teens have a smartphone or access to one, and vulnerable youth who are most at risk off-line are likely to be at greater risk online. The commercial sexual exploitation of children is thriving in digital spaces and through online platforms and ever-changing apps, young people are deceived, manipulated, coerced, or forced into the commercial sex industry every day. This multibillion-dollar industry is inherently harmful and systematically targets the most vulnerable in our communities, both on- and offline. This brand new one-day training takes a deep dive into the intersection of technology and exploitation. Designed for youth-serving professionals, this training will provide tools to familiarize oneself with the technology youth use daily and will help participants better understand, identify, respond to, and ultimately, better serve those at greatest risk of commercial sexual exploitation.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Discuss ways in which exploiters use social media and other digital platforms to perpetuate the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) online.
- Recognize who is at greatest risk for commercial sexual exploitation & identify indicators that a child is being trafficked in a digital space.
- Describe relevant research and trends in online exploitation and technology use among youth today.
- Recognize recruitment tactics, grooming behaviors, and other warning signs to minimize the risk of online exploitation.
- Understand the social and legal consequences of sexting and disseminating child sexual abuse material (also called "child pornography").
- Integrate appropriate skills and tactics to engage youth in conversations about CSEC in the Digital Space and their behavior online into their work as youth-serving professionals.

CEUS:

This program is approved by the National Association of Social Workers for 12 continuing education contact hours.

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WHERE: Online - Zoom

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