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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

“ People shouldn’t be criminalized for crimes that are happening *to* them.

- Shea Rhodes, Esq. ”

The theme of this year’s annual report is Re-emerging and Reimagining.

Re-emerging. After more than two arduous years of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the CSE Institute and I are cautiously re-emerging back into the world of in person events, eager to reconnect with old and new colleagues alike. Despite the joy that in-person connection brings, it is also clear that we are all processing the collective trauma we have experienced due to isolation and distance. Now more than ever, treating each other in a trauma-informed manner in our personal and professional lives is imperative.

Reimagining. Rebuilding after such national strife will take imagination above all else. We must reimagine our systems, our policies, our practices and our perspectives. And, as with all pursuits of imagination, this project of reimagining our society into a more just place will best be done through collaboration. I invite you to join me in this collaboration — there is still so much work to do.

Sincerely,



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OUR FOUNDERS:



Shea M. Rhodes, Esq., is a national expert on laws and policies related to sex trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, and prostitution. As the CSE Institute Co-Founder and Director, Ms. Rhodes' work at the Charles Widger School of Law also includes teaching the course Human Trafficking, which seeks to address human trafficking from legal and policy perspectives. Ms. Rhodes was awarded a 2021-2022 U.S. Fulbright Scholar Grant for the Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to conduct research in Austria and Sweden. Ms. Rhodes is also a member of several anti-trafficking initiatives, locally and internationally, including Philadelphia's Anti-Trafficking Coalition, The Pennsylvania Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Work group, and Shared Hope International's JuST Response Council. She is a founding steering committee member and is currently on the executive committee for World Without Exploitation. She also sits on the Board of Directors for Dawn's Place, a residential treatment program for women who are victims of CSE and sex trafficking. In May of 2019, Ms. Rhodes was inducted as a Fellow into the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, which is a not-for-profit medical, educational, and cultural institution that serves to advance the cause of health. Prior to forming the CSE Institute in 2014, Ms. Rhodes served the Philadelphia community as an Assistant District Attorney. During that time, she helped found Project Dawn Court and developed a law enforcement working group to facilitate effective handling of human trafficking cases. Before joining the District Attorney's office, Ms. Rhodes served as a staff attorney for the Crime Victim's Law Project where she represented victims of sexual violence. Ms. Rhodes regularly conducts trainings and presentations throughout PA and nationally.



Michelle Madden Dempsey, the Harold Reuschlein Scholar Chair and Professor of Law, is the CSE Institute Co-Founder and Faculty Advisor. She teaches in the areas of criminal law, advanced criminal law, and sexuality and the law. Dempsey's scholarship draws on legal and philosophical methods to explore the criminal law's response to gender-related violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and commercial sexual exploitation. She has published on these topics in the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *American Criminal Law Review*, *Journal of Human Trafficking*, *Criminal Law Review (UK)*, *Modern Law Review (UK)*, *Criminal Law & Philosophy*, *Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies*, *Ethics* and other peer reviewed publications. Professor Dempsey continues to pursue scholarship regarding commercial sexual exploitation, and recently published a chapter on prostitution for the *Palgrave Handbook of Applied Ethics and the Criminal Law*. She submitted a co-edited book, *From Morality to Law and Back Again* (under contract to Oxford University Press) in Spring 2022. She is presently writing a co-authored book, *Sex, Wrongs, and Criminalization* (under contract to Oxford University Press), and a single authored monograph regarding the criminal law's response to gender-based violence (under contract to Cambridge University Press). In addition to her teaching and scholarly activities, Professor Dempsey is an elected member of the American Law Institute (ALI), an elected Fellow of the American Bar Association and an Associated Research Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Ortnor Center on Violence and Abuse. She continues to serve as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the premiere international, interdisciplinary journal, *Criminal Law & Philosophy*.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS FELLOWSHIP:

Providing trauma-informed legal services to survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking is an integral piece of the CSE Institute's work. Our Justice for Victims Fellows work to assist members of this population with their diverse legal needs. Our two Fellows work across the Commonwealth providing several key services: criminal record clearing for survivors of sex trafficking, legal triage services for drop-in centers and recovery homes, and trainings on commercial sexual exploitation and trauma-informed lawyering to attorneys and other stakeholders.

This year, we welcomed Mary Haggerty as our new Junior Justice for Victims Fellow. A 2021 graduate of Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Mary has worked with the CSE Institute since Fall of 2019 as a second-year law student. She joins Alexia Tomlinson, Senior Justice for Victims Fellow, to ensure survivors across Pennsylvania have access to vacatur, expungement, and other legal services.

The Fellows' priority is to provide criminal record clearing options for victims and survivors of sex trafficking primarily through vacatur and expungement. As a result of the Fellows' collective efforts, over 37 survivors have had convictions vacated, amounting to over 100 cases and over 150 charges being erased from their criminal records. These survivors had anywhere from 1 to almost 40 vacatur-eligible charges removed from their criminal histories.

This work has primarily been possible through a partnership with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, where the Fellows provide technical assistance to the Project Dawn Court (PDC) staff attorney and pursue post-conviction relief advocacy for all eligible Defender Association clients. However, over the past two years the Fellows are increasingly able to provide criminal record relief outside of Philadelphia, successfully pursuing vacatur in Chester, Lancaster, and Dauphin counties (see Fellowship by the Numbers on Page 11 for more information).

The Fellows also provide legal triage and Know Your Rights information to people experiencing homelessness, near homelessness, and exploitation. The Fellows host weekly virtual office hours at The Salvation Army's New Day to Stop Trafficking Drop-In Center for women in Kensington. They also speak regularly with participants in Worthwhile Wear's Worth It program to evaluate the legal needs of those in recovery, refer them to needed resources, and provide criminal record clearing if necessary.



Alexia Tomlinson
Senior Justice for Victims Fellow

Additionally, Mary and Alexia coordinate trauma-informed *pro bono* representation for victims in civil matters and provide support in navigating the various legal systems. The Fellows continue to create and provide training sessions to attorneys, members of law enforcement, and other stakeholders in the Commonwealth and across the country. We hope our efforts with criminal justice stakeholders will lead to justice for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and improved understanding about human trafficking, overall.

The Justice for Victims Fellowship has already made incredible strides. Most importantly, they have assisted survivors in reclaiming their lives through the restorative power of post-conviction relief. Their work is a central component to the CSE Institute's mission of putting the needs of survivors first in combatting trafficking.



Mary Haggerty
Junior Justice for Victim Fellow

BOARD OF ADVISORS:

Our Board of Advisors represent a diverse set of backgrounds and work in various legal and non-legal capacities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond. With their multidisciplinary guidance, we have been able to promote policies and develop best practices for eradicating commercial sexual exploitation in the Commonwealth.



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CSE INSTITUTE BY THE NUMBERS:

The movement to combat sex trafficking in the United States has made significant progress since 2000, the year Congress first passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, federal legislation to address human trafficking.¹ It took an additional 14 years for Pennsylvania to enact similar legislation. In 2014, the General Assembly passed then-Act 105, comprehensive legislation to address trafficking in the Commonwealth.²

That same year, the CSE Institute was founded and has played an integral role in combatting sex trafficking throughout the Commonwealth and the country. We are excited to share our successes with you. While we celebrate the great changes that have been made, we are mindful of the myriad of challenges that survivors still face in Pennsylvania, nationally, and internationally.

Over the past year, the CSE Institute has made great strides: our student externs have worked tirelessly, the Fellows have expanded Pennsylvania survivors' access to criminal record relief, and Director Shea Rhodes engaged in research in Europe on the sex trade as a Fulbright Scholar. Throughout this growth, the CSE Institute's commitment to survivors of sex trafficking has remained unwavering. With your help, we will continue to fight alongside survivors for justice.

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THE CSE INSTITUTE: A HISTORY

2014 Co-Founders Shea Rhodes and Michelle Dempsey outlined their idea for the CSE Institute on the back of an envelope— and it all began.

2015 The CSE Institute formally launched on September 16, 2015 at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

2016 The Justice for Victims Fellowship was created to provide criminal record clearing legal services for survivors.

2017 The CSE Institute hosted its first annual Symposium, hosting survivor leaders from across the country.

2018 The second Justice for Victims Fellow, Jamie Pizzi, began her tenure with the CSE Institute, continuing to expand Pennsylvania survivors of sex trafficking access to vacatur.

2019 The third Justice for Victims Fellow Alexia Tomlinson began her tenure with the CSE Institute.

2020 Director Shea Rhodes was awarded a U.S. Fulbright Scholar grant for the Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

2021 The CSE Institute achieved vacatur outside of Philadelphia for the first time.

2022 The CSE Institute was a 2022 GrantTank recipient, beginning our exciting partnership with The Jensen Project.

EXTERNSHIP BY THE NUMBERS:

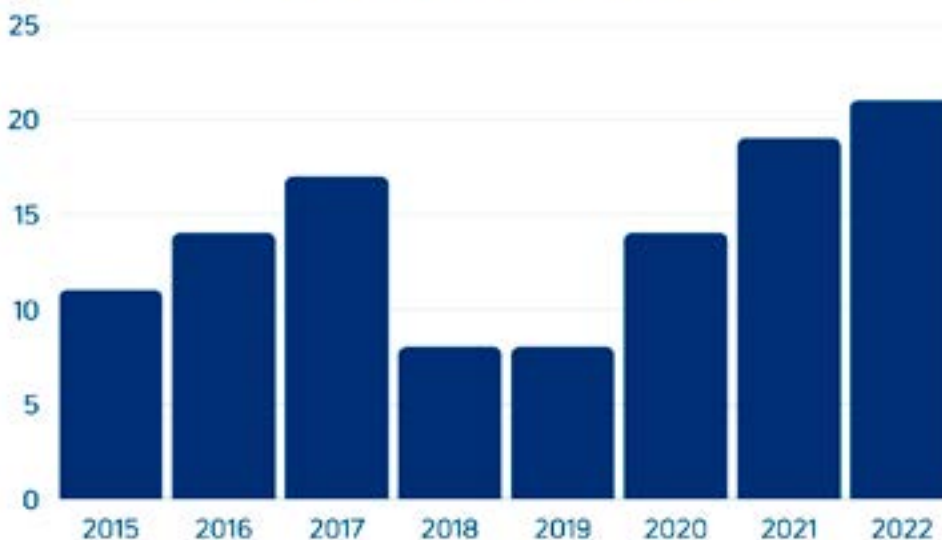


Each semester, the CSE Institute invites a select group of second- and third-year Villanova law students to participate in a for-credit externship.

Programmatically, we have identified six priorities for our student externs:

- 1 Familiarity with laws regarding trafficking, prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation, including the ability to confidently summarize, apply, and critique each law.
- 2 Engage in legal research in an area of human trafficking and prostitution law that is of individual interest to them.
- 3 Have the opportunity to meet judges, lawyers, advocates, and other professionals working to address commercial sexual exploitation in Pennsylvania and beyond.
- 4 Strengthen and diversify their writing skills by drafting policy papers, compiling research findings, conducting legislative and policy analysis, and contributing to the CSE Institute online blog.
- 5 Understand the reality of commercial sexual exploitation and its consequences including the chance to interact with victims and survivors and create a “real world” connection with their work.
- 6 Contribute to the representation survivors of sex trafficking in criminal record clearing matters including expungement, vacatur, pardons, and clemency.

Externs Per Year



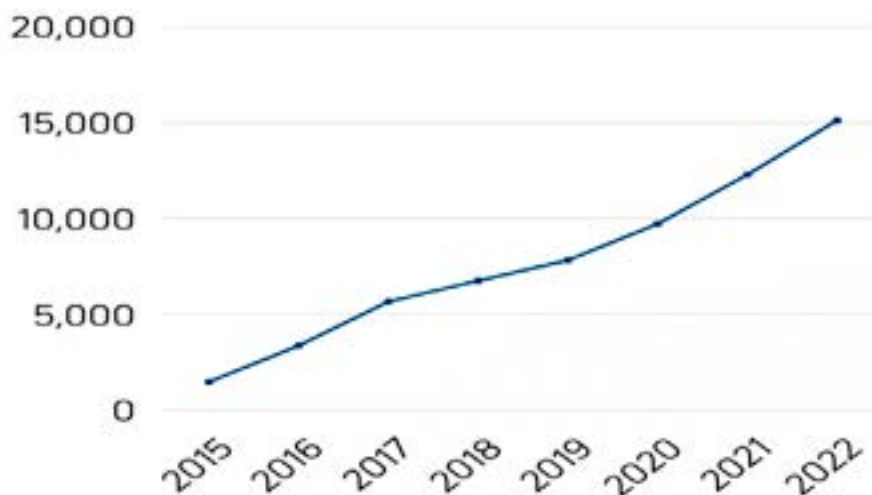
“The CSE Institute has been the highlight of my law school experience. I recieved so much practical knowledge that you just can’t get in a classroom.”

- Ally Fifer, '22 CWSL

“Working with the CSE Institute has given me the ability and insight to meet victims where they are, rather than talk to them in a patronizing or dismissing way.”

- Becky Velez, '22 CWSL

Cumulative Extern Hours



OVER 15k HOURS
WORKING
AGAINST
TRAFFICKING

TRAINING AND EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS:

A key aspect of the CSE Institute's mission is to educate those responding to commercial sexual exploitation throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We have interpreted our mission broadly to ensure that every profession has the capacity and preparation to respond to the commercial sex trade. We remain focused on key sectors, training those most likely to interact with victims of exploitation: health care professionals, service providers, and those working in the criminal legal space. But we also work to ensure that individuals beyond those spheres understand the reality of exploitation in Pennsylvania.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH CLE SERIES

In January 2021, Director Shea Rhodes and Senior Fellow Alexia Tomlinson led a virtual continuing legal education ("CLE") series on Sex Trafficking and Trauma-Informed Lawyering. The three-part series delved into the federal and state laws related to commercial sexual exploitation, practice tips for developing a trauma-informed legal practice, and criminal record clearing options for survivors of sex trafficking. Director Rhodes kicked off the series by breaking down the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and Chapter 30 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code into an understandable framework: sex trafficking is an *act* perpetrated by a particular *means* for the *purpose* of commercial sex. Part two was an explanation of trauma followed by a series of interactive workshops. The final day was a review of criminal-record clearing options for survivors of sex trafficking and an in-depth discussion of the vacatur process. As the CSE Institute is the only organization that provides record-clearing assistance to survivors statewide, it is vital that legal professionals gain the skills necessary to assist survivors in seeking justice.

WORTH IT

In 2021, the CSE Institute partnered with Worthwhile Wear's Worth It program to educate participants about criminal record clearing options available to them. The Worth It program is a holistic recovery program specifically for women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. The Fellows present to each Worth It class, reaching over 40 survivors to date. Participants leave with a greater understanding of the importance of record-clearing including the educational, vocational, and personal opportunities that re-open when they no longer have a record. Additionally, the Fellows meet one-on-one with the participants to review their criminal record, determine eligibility for vacatur and expungement, and provide legal triage or referrals for any additional legal concerns they may face. If appropriate, Worth It participants may then become CSE Institute clients or be referred for vacatur in states outside of Pennsylvania. This was the first year that the CSE Institute partnered with Worth It, and we look forward to continuing to contribute to the services they provide.

GAUDENZIA CONFERENCE

In November 2021, Senior Fellow Alexia Tomlinson and Advisory Board Member Tammy McDonnell presented on sex trafficking and trauma at the annual Gaudenzia Women and Children's Conference. Gaudenzia is the largest non-profit provider of substance use treatment in the mid-Atlantic with 51 facilities operating in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, D.C. The conference aimed to provide service providers working with juvenile and female populations a greater understanding of the specific vulnerabilities of these populations and the resources available for them. Service providers and recovery home employees are front-line workers in the fight against trafficking—if they are able to identify individuals experiencing exploitation, they will be able to connect them with services to assist their exit. The over 50 service providers who attended their talk came away with a greater understanding of the sex trade, practice tips for trauma-informed care, and access to trafficking-specific resources in their area.

FELLOWSHIP BY THE NUMBERS:

Vacatur is a criminal record clearing remedy that allows survivors of sex trafficking to erase certain convictions from their criminal records.³ An Order to Vacate is a legal recognition that a survivor should not have been criminalized for conduct that was a direct result of their victimization. Vacatur acknowledges the stigmas associated with criminalization, empowers survivors to continue their lives past their victimization, and removes barriers that have prevented them from exiting the sex trade.

The requirements for vacatur are outlined in 18 Pa. C.S. 3019(d) and include:

- (1) a motion in writing;
- (2) the consent of an attorney for the Commonwealth;
- (3) a description of supporting evidence given “with particularity;” and,
- (4) copies of any documents demonstrating that the survivor is entitled to relief, if possessed.

CLIENTS
SERVED

37

DOCKETS
CLEARED

100

CONVICTIONS
VACATED

150

Vacatur, in Pennsylvania, requires the consent of “an attorney for the Commonwealth” to file a motion.⁴ This means that a criminalized survivor of sex trafficking, whose record only exists due to their victimization, must ask the permission of the District Attorney’s Office to get their record cleared. Often, this decision is made by the person who originally prosecuted the survivor. The District Attorney’s Office must agree before a judge is able to consider the motion. Pennsylvania is the only state the has such a requirement—and it can be a significant barrier. However, several counties across the Commonwealth have shown immense support for survivors and for that we thank them.

Thank you to the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office and the First Judicial District Municipal Court Leadership

The Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office has worked closely with the CSE Institute Justice for Victims Fellows over the past few years to ensure that every criminalized survivor is able to clear their record. We worked together with the Clerk of Courts to create a monthly standing court date and to waive the presence of survivors at hearings. Judge Marsha H. Neifield who, until her retirement at the end of 2021, presided over vacatur hearings has been supportive and understanding. The system as a whole has worked to ensure justice for survivors.

Thank You Dauphin County

The Dauphin County District Attorney’s Office has partnered with the CSE Institute from the beginning of our work. This past year, the office worked with the Fellows to create a procedure for survivors seeking vacatur in Dauphin County. Both the elected District Attorney, Fran Chardo, and the assigned Assistant District Attorney, Erin Varley, have demonstrated their desire to see survivors’ records cleared. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Thank you Lancaster County

The Lancaster District Attorney’s Office and the Court of Common Pleas for Lancaster County has, so far, only granted vacatur for one individual. This individual did not have a single prostitution conviction—despite this, the District Attorney’s Office understood the importance of vacatur and that trafficking victims are often criminalized for crimes other than prostitution because of their victimization. President Judge David L. Ashworth granted the vacatur motion without holding a hearing—given the District Attorneys consent this decision was both judicially expedient and trauma-informed.

2021 PENNSYLVANIA PROSTITUTION CHARGE STATISTICS

In 2021, for the first time, Pennsylvania law enforcement charged fewer individuals for selling sex than buying sex. This marks a huge success for those fighting the sex trade—targeting the demand, the men culpable for driving the market, rather than those trapped by force, coercion or vulnerability.

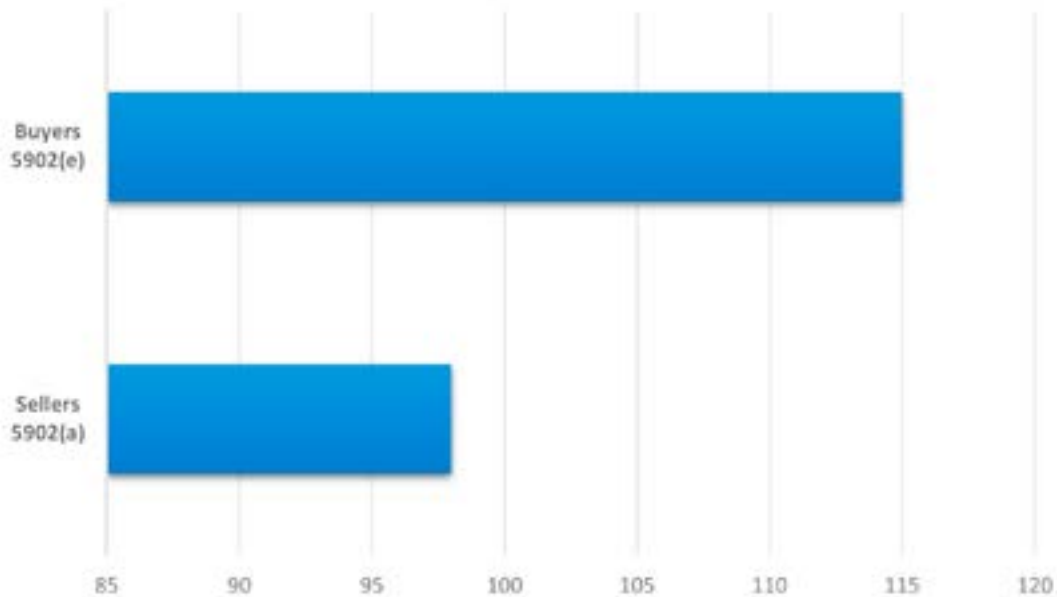
County	Selling	Buying
Allegheny	30	4
Beaver	1	3
Berks	6	60
Blair	2	2
Bucks	14	1
Butler	2	0
Cumberland	2	0
Dauphin	5	4
Delaware	10	0
Eric	1	0
Lackawanna	2	10
Lancaster	9	9
Lehigh	3	5
Luzerne	1	11
Lycoming	2	1
Mercer	0	1
Monroe	0	1
Montgomery	0	1
Northampton	2	0
Philadelphia	3	1
Tioga	1	0
Westmoreland	0	1
York	2	0
Total:	98	115

CHARGES FOR 5902(E) VS 5902(A)



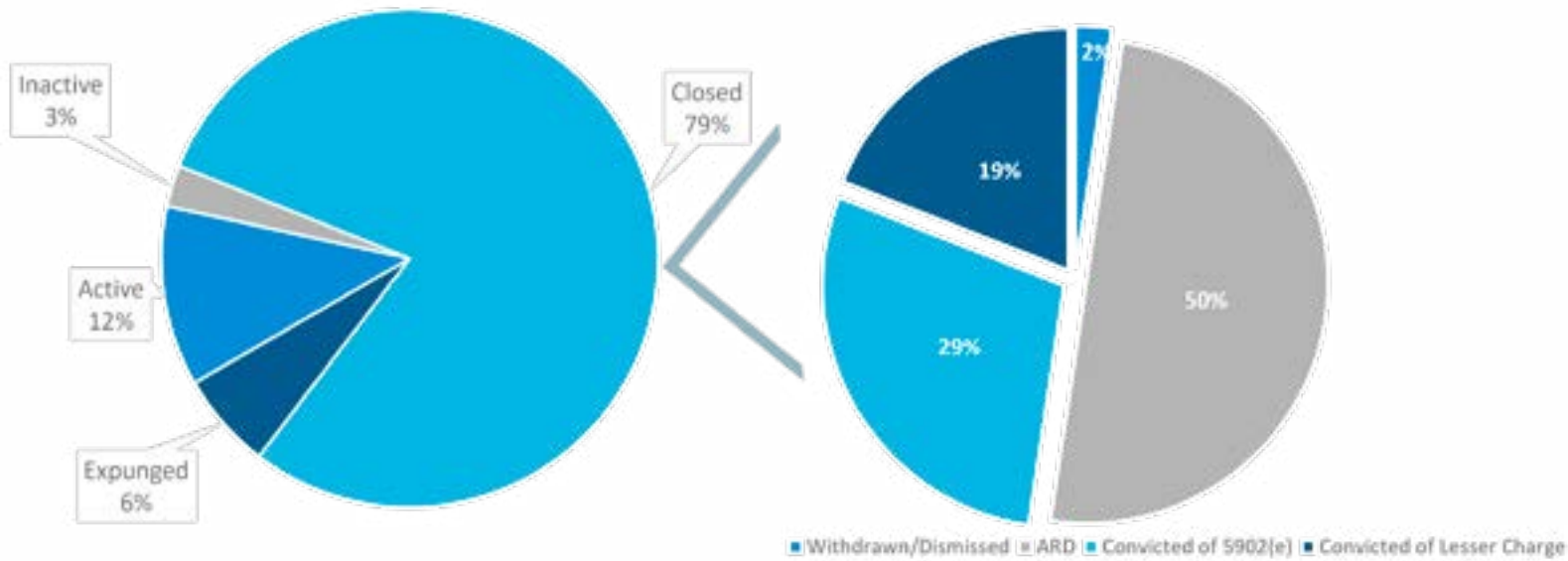
Charges for 5902(a) vs 5902(e)

39 OUT OF 67 COUNTIES DID NOT CHARGE ANYONE FOR BUYING OR SELLING SEX IN 2021.



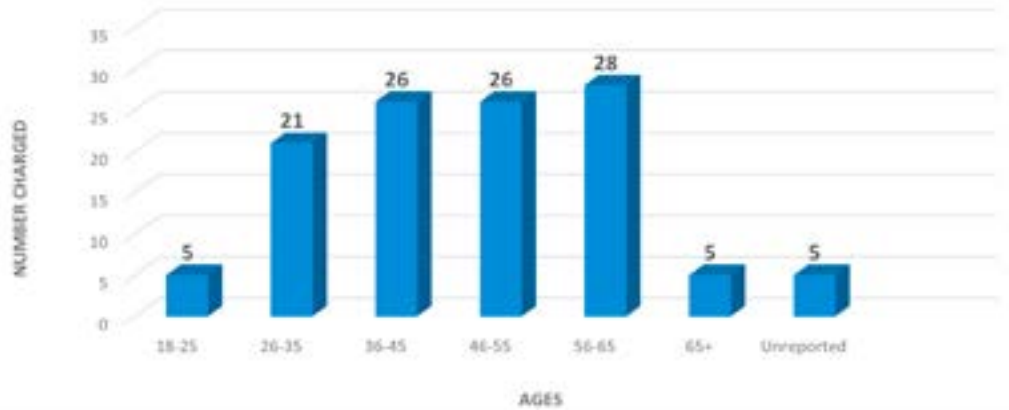
Data from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

5902(E) CASE OUTCOMES

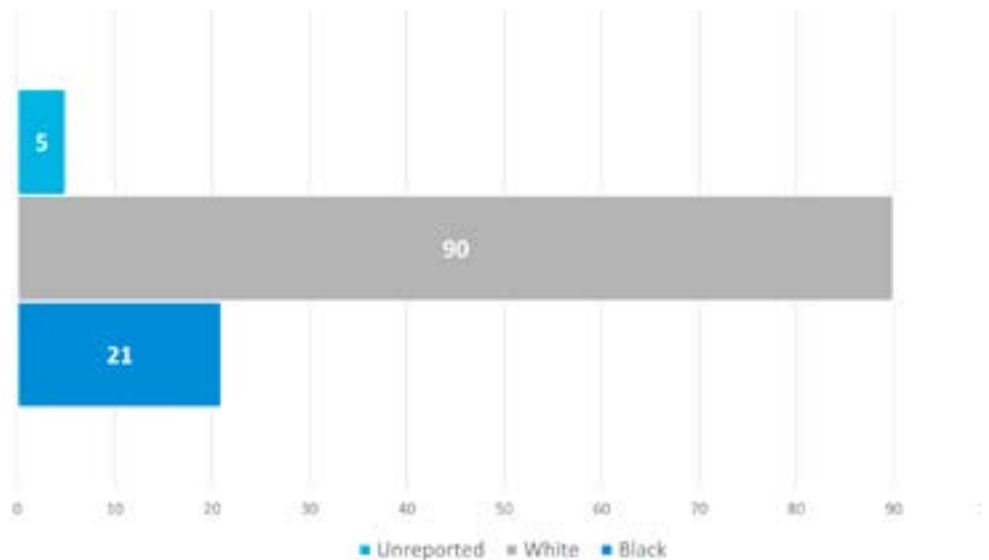


Despite the change in charging tactics—men charged with buying sex face fewer consequences than those charged with selling sex. 50% of buyers were offered Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (“ARD”) a court program consisting of limited probation and community service. Upon completion, charges are automatically or, upon request, expunged.

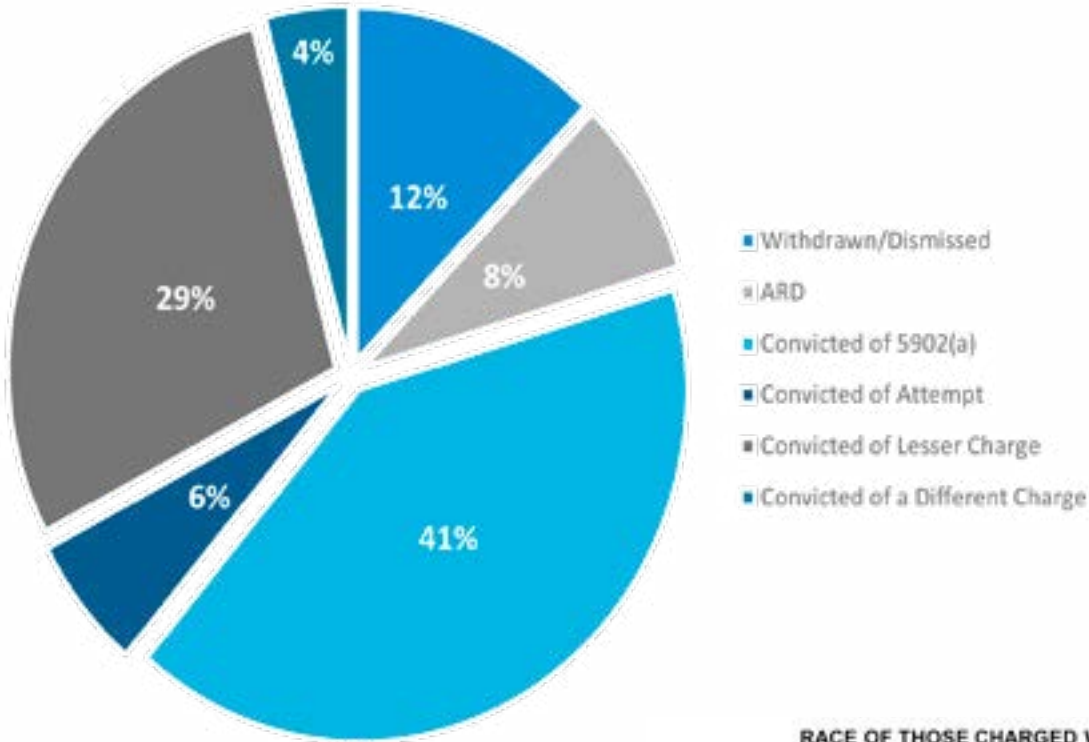
AGE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH BUYING SEX



RACE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH BUYING SEX



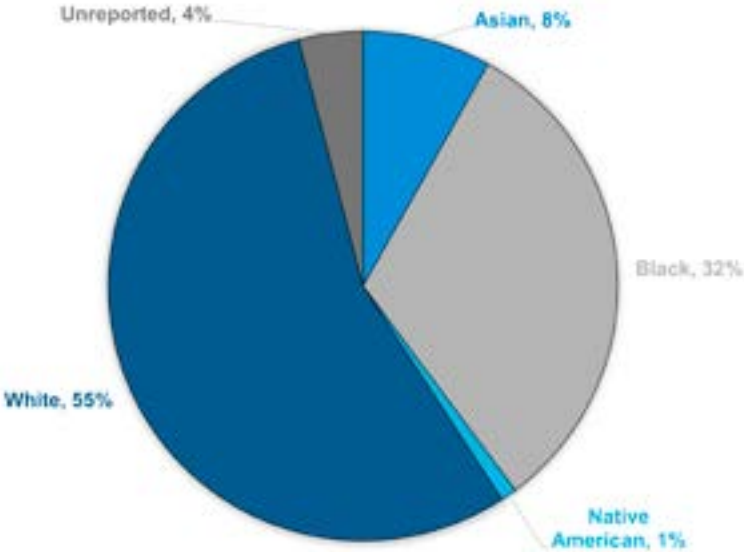
5902(A) Case Outcomes



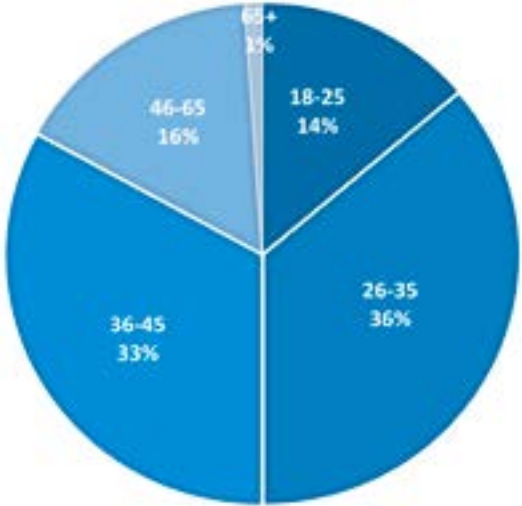
OF THOSE CHARGED WITH BUYING SEX, **100% WERE MEN.**

OF THOSE CHARGED WITH SELLING SEX, **88% WERE WOMEN.**

RACE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH SELLING SEX



AGE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH SELLING SEX



PENNSYLVANIA- A FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE:

The Federal government made extensive efforts to combat trafficking in Pennsylvania throughout 2021. We have included a selection of cases to highlight these endeavors. The CSE Institute commends the survivors involved in these cases for their bravery. It is irrefutable that survivor voices will be the ones that promulgate changes in the sex trafficking narrative. The CSE Institute also commends the work of the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Offices, the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, the Bensalem Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Pittsburgh Police Department, and the Moon Township Police Department in their fight against sex trafficking.

WESTERN DISTRICT¹²:

On February 11, 2021, Anthony Juskowich was indicted by a federal grand jury in the Western District of Pennsylvania for allegedly sex trafficking an adult woman. Juskowich was indicted on the single count after being named the sole defendant by the United States Attorney's Office. On January 28, 2022, Juskowich pleaded guilty in federal court to sex trafficking charges. He now faces a mandatory prison term of at least 15 years and will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Christy Wiegand on June 2, 2022.

The charges arose from allegations made between January and May of 2020 that Juskowich, "knowingly engaged in sex trafficking, using force, threats of force, fraud or coercion" to force a woman to perform "commercial sex acts." The investigation involved the FBI, Pittsburgh police, and the Moon Township Police Department.

This case was a part of Operation Trafficking Ends Now which was created in July of 2020 as a cooperative operation between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the Western District of Pennsylvania to empower victims and bring traffickers to justice.

MIDDLE DISTRICT¹⁴:

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania made history in 2020 when it secured a first-in-the-nation criminal conviction against the corporate entity of a hotel for aiding sex trafficking on hotel grounds. In total, the investigation that led to that conviction resulted in guilty verdicts against 40 defendants. One of these defendants, Faizal Bhimani, was the general manager an involved hotel. Bhimani was sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment for knowingly providing rooms for traffickers, warning traffickers when police were on the premises, and providing free or discounted rooms in exchange for sex. Om Sri Sai, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation was also convicted for its role in the trafficking conspiracy. Judge Malachy E. Mannion sentenced the corporation to five years probation for sex and drug trafficking violations. The hotel was also ordered to forfeit \$2 million to the government and pay over \$200,000 in restitution to trafficking survivors who testified during the trial.

But Bhimani and the Howard Johnson Hotel are far from unique. Hotels have long provided venues for sex trafficking and benefitted as a result. Both the United States and Pennsylvania Penal Codes provide mechanisms of both criminally convicting hotels and holding them liable for their participation in trafficking.

EASTERN DISTRICT¹³:

On August 2, 2021, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania announced that Kevin Smith, a twenty-seven-year-old man from Philadelphia was indicted for operating a sex trafficking enterprise in Philadelphia, Bucks, and Delaware counties. Smith faces charges for sex trafficking by force and sex trafficking a minor.

The case against Smith was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation along with the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, the Bensalem Police Department, and the Philadelphia Police Department. The indictment alleges that in September 2019, Smith trafficked a minor victim in Philadelphia. Smith knowingly recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, and maintained a minor for the purposes of forcing that minor to engage in commercial sex acts over the course of seven days. The indictment further alleges that from July 2015 to July 2017 Smith operated a sex trafficking enterprise. In the operation of that enterprise, Smith trafficked three different victims by using physical threats to force the women to sell sex in exchange for money. If convicted, Smith faces a maximum possible sentence of life in prison.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT: VACATUR

43 states across the nation have enacted some form of criminal record clearing for survivors of sex trafficking. Recent expansions and improvements represent important steps toward the recovery of survivors.



Georgia

Georgia passed the Survivors First Act in 2020 which enables survivors to seek vacatur for convictions for *any offense* that was a result of the survivor's victimization.¹⁵

Maryland

Maryland expanded its list of vacatur eligible offenses in 2020, from just prostitution to 24 offenses, including drug charges and theft charges.¹⁶ Maryland also repealed its prosecutorial consent requirement to file a motion for vacatur, leaving Pennsylvania as the *only* state with this requirement.

New Jersey

New Jersey expanded its vacatur law with the passing of Assembly Bill 5322 this year.¹⁷ The law makes *any offense* that was a result of the victim's exploitation eligible for vacatur, with exceptions for certain violent crimes.

New York

New York enacted the Survivors of Trafficking Attaining Relief Together (START) Act in 2021, which allows survivors to "clear themselves of other offenses they had been forced into committing" as a result of their exploitation.¹⁸

PENNSYLVANIA SENATE BILL 1009

Survivors seeking to utilize vacatur, a criminal record relief remedy, are faced with major substantive and procedural challenges— SB 1009 seeks to correct these challenges.

1. Increases number of vacatur eligible crimes

Currently, there are only six crimes eligible for vacatur: criminal trespass (18 Pa. C. S. §3503), disorderly conduct (18 Pa. C. S. §5503), loitering and prowling at nighttime (18 Pa. C. S. §5506), obstructing highways and other public passages (18 Pa. C. S. §5507), prostitution (18 Pa. C. S. §5902), and simple possession of a controlled substance.¹⁹

Traffickers force their victims to commit a wide range of crimes— S.B. 1009 adds:

- Theft by deception (18 Pa. C. S. § 3922)
- Retail theft (18 Pa. C. S. § 3929)
- Contempt (18 Pa. C. S. § 42 §§4132)

2. Requires Notice to the District Attorney

This legislation will give the court exclusive authority to determine whether an individual should be granted vacatur relief. SB 1009 will give more survivors a chance to access the remedy and have their day in court.

Other Legislation and Policies to Support:

House Bill 1835

On September 2, 2021, a bi-partisan group of Pennsylvania legislators introduced House Bill 1835.²¹ The bill, sponsored by House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton, would increase Pennsylvania's efficacy in the fight against human trafficking and take another step toward the Commonwealth adopting the Equality Model. The bill proposes several important changes to modernize our prostitution and human trafficking statutes:

- Human Trafficking Crime Updates:
 - Adds “patronizing” to the list of acts that qualify as trafficking, bringing Pennsylvania’s law in line with its federal counterpart.²²
 - Updates language to be more accurate and victim centered, for example renaming “Living off prostitutes” to “Living off sexually exploited persons”.
 - Increases the penalty for promoting prostitution to a third-degree felony regardless of the circumstances.
- Prostitution Crime Updates:
 - Disaggregates the prostitution statute, so the only conduct in § 5902 is selling sex, moving the remainder of the crimes to the Chapter 30.
 - Removing recidivist penalties for persons in prostitution

Second Look/ Resentencing

Pennsylvania's General Assembly should adopt “second look” legislation, a form of resentencing that applies not only to sex trafficking victims but to all offenders serving long sentences, enabling them to apply for resentencing after serving 15 years. A judge then considers whether the original sentence fulfills the goals of sentencing or whether a new sentence would be more appropriate. Such legislation would enable criminalized survivors to raise issues that were not considered at the time of sentencing because society did not yet recognize their importance. Several states have implemented some type of “second look” provision and many have pending legislation to implement it.²⁰ This type of change is particularly important in Pennsylvania which has some of the harshest sentencing policies in the country and where the Board of Pardons rarely allows for commutation.

SURVIVOR SPOTLIGHT:

On October 29, 2016, Melanie Jaroma's life changed. She made the decision to be sober—leaving a life of exploitation and addiction—and, in doing so, created a new path for her future. Melanie reconnected with her two biological daughters and is a proud, supportive grandmother to her grandson. In 2018, Melanie became a certified foster parent and has since been approved to formally adopt her youngest daughter. In July 2021, she purchased a home for her family.

Before sobriety, Melanie's life looked entirely different. In the mid-2000s, she was prescribed pain killers to cope with chronic pain caused by her abusive husband. The prescription gave her physical relief from constant pain and emotional relief from fear and abuse; she quickly lost control, spiraling into addiction. It wasn't long before her husband left, and Melanie was left with no choice but to move back into her mother's house with her two children.

But her addiction did not disappear with the abuse. She was trapped in a cycle and before long, Melanie ended up in another abusive relationship. This man also struggled with addiction, and introduced Melanie to harder, and cheaper, drugs. Prescription pain killers quickly became heroin and heroin led to homelessness. Her abuser, an addict who she thought she loved, became her trafficker.

He forced Melanie to sell sex to pay for both of their addictions, and if she refused or brought back less money than he expected she was met with violence. He controlled her access to drugs, ensuring that her addiction could only be fed through him.

She was terrified of him, and she loved him—she was trapped by his abuse, her addiction, and the realities of homelessness. Living on the streets in Kensington meant that violence was everywhere—buyers regularly threatened, beat, and raped Melanie. She had a gun held to her head. But she had nowhere to turn, she had been arrested multiple times, facing violence and incarceration from law enforcement. They—like the men on the streets—were a threat, not a resource.

In 2013, Melanie was arrested for the last time and chose to enter into Project Dawn Court, a diversionary court for women

experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. Melanie credits Project Dawn Court with providing life-changing support and enabling her to access the opportunities she is thriving in today. Despite her criminal record, Melanie has thrived professionally. She was offered a job at Joy of Living, the sober living facility she graduated from. Melanie was later promoted to supervisor and has since

become a program manager directing 17 substance abuse recovery houses.

Melanie speaks on sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation at conferences across the state and works closely with The Valley Against Sex Trafficking (VAST). The CSE Institute was proud to assist Melanie in her pursuit of vacatur and are thrilled to share that Melanie's vacatur petitions were successful and her record has been cleared. Melanie has done what she set out to do in 2016: forged a new path without the addiction, violence, and trauma of her past.

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COLLATERAL LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF VICTIMIZATION

Survivors of sex trafficking face numerous collateral legal consequences due to their victimization and their subsequent criminalization. In 2019, the National Survivor Network administered a survey of 130 survivors about the collateral legal consequences they face.²³ This survey shows what the CSE Institute knows from the work we do- enabling survivors to clear their criminal records is imperative to afford them the justice the legal system initially failed to deliver.

Criminal

A survey conducted by the National Survivor Network (NSN) showed that 90.8% of trafficking survivors had criminal convictions, 23.7% had been arrested more than 10 times, and 9.2% had been arrested more than 30 times. All CSE Institute clients have been criminalized— with charges ranging from disorderly conduct to murder.

Family

The top recruitment tactic for sex trafficking is establishing an intimate partner relationship, including marriage. This leads to survivors having an increase in family law needs, particularly protection from abuse orders, custody issues and divorce.²⁴ 40% of CSE Institute clients needed assistance with a family law matter.

Employment

72.7% of survivors reported their criminal record had created a barrier when seeking employment. This year, 3 CSE Institute clients were able to find employment solely because their convictions were vacated.

Tax

Human trafficking survivors are more likely than most taxpayers to have a combination of civil and criminal tax issues. They may not have had access to file tax returns correctly or at all, or they may have filed erroneous returns under the control of a trafficker.²⁵

Landlord/ Tenant

57.6% of survivors reported their criminal record as a barrier to housing. Of the women the CSE Institute works with at the New Day Drop-In Center, over 40% have landlord-tenant issues.

ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PARDONS.

The Pennsylvania Board of Pardons should provide transparency regarding the factors they weigh when considering whether or not to grant mercy for those seeking executive clemency.

Procedural Failure

Pennsylvania requires the unanimous agreement of the Board of Pardons for those serving life to be recommended to the Governor for clemency. It is the only state with such a requirement.²⁶ This constitutional requirement, implemented in 1997, creates a nearly insurmountable barrier for prisoners serving life without parole. Paired with strict sentencing guidelines, the result is the population of Pennsylvanian's serving life is second in the nation; Philadelphia County alone accounts for 2,694 lifers--more than 45 states in the U.S.²⁷

Structural Failure

As required by the Pennsylvania Constitution, there are five members on the Board of Pardons: the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, and three members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate which must include: a crime victim, a corrections expert and a Doctor of Medicine, psychiatrist or psychologist.²⁸ It should also be required that those who are appointed to the Board should reflect the demographics of those whose lives they are constitutionally tasked with make decisions about. Two of the members are publicly elected officials who must also weigh the political consequences of their decisions and how those decisions will ultimately play out with the electorate. The remaining three members each serve six-year terms after being confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate. While this would seemingly insulate their decisions when it comes to partisan politics, there must be careful deliberation by the Senate when members are reappointed including clear considerations for their understanding of the Board's mission.

Failure of Transparency

The regulations that govern the Board of Pardons do not provide a blueprint or instructions on the factors they must consider when reviewing a clemency petition.²⁹ The regulations and guiding principles of the Board should include the following: weighing an applicant's rehabilitation, remorse, likelihood of recidivism, and the recommendation of the Department of Corrections. The current Board of Pardons has demonstrated that these factors are not balanced with what appears to be their two primary concerns: (1) details of the crime and conviction and (2) victim impact statements.³⁰

The Board's role is not to relitigate the underlying conviction, but to look at whether the petitioner is worthy of mercy. In looking for evidence as to whether an individual should be released from prison, the Department of Corrections recommendation, after working for years with an individual, should be afforded a considerable weight as it provides a greater and more accurate insight into the threat posed by the individual than re-hashing a crime that may be decades old. Although victim impact statements are important and should be given consideration, they should not stand alone or be given heftier weight. Clemency is a question of mercy—a question of rehabilitation—and a question of remorse, questions the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons fails to answer by the lack of transparency in what they consider when making their decisions.

FORTY YEARS IS ENOUGH: CYD BERGER'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Many women in the criminal legal system who are sentenced to life without parole are victims of trafficking. Survivors of abuse, trauma, and addiction abound in the criminal legal system— a system that has consistently failed to consider survivors. Cyd Charisse Berger is just one example of this cycle of violence and neglect inflicted by the state. Cyd was a trafficking victim in the late 1970s. Her trafficker, Dwayne Hicks, physically abused her, threatened her family, kidnapped her son, and forced her into prostitution. In 1983, Cyd Berger was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole after being convicted as a co-conspirator in the murder of Robert Karcz. Hicks murdered Karcz, a sex buyer, to steal his car, while Cyd sat, paralyzed with fear, in another room. Today, over 40 years later, Cyd remains incarcerated.

In the 40 years since Cyd's conviction, society and the criminal legal system have fundamentally improved our understanding of commercial sexual exploitation. In 1983, sex trafficking was not a recognized crime. There was no definition of sex trafficking, no services for victims, and no punishment for traffickers. Today, a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion is sex trafficking under Pennsylvania and federal law. But, the remedies now available to victims under these laws fail to help those criminalized before society recognized their victimization. The CSE Institute recognizes Cyd as a trafficking victim and believes further incarceration is unwarranted.

This past December 2021, the Board of Pardons denied Cyd's petition for clemency. After granting a motion to reconsider and after a second hearing, on April 28, 2022, the Board again denied Cyd clemency. It was clear from the Board of Pardon's outdated questions and language during both the December 2021 and the April 2022 hearings that Cyd's experience as a victim of trafficking and the rehabilitative work done while incarcerated were irrelevant factors in their decision. The changes in law and society did not matter. We call upon the Pennsylvania General Assembly to mandate transparency in the Board of Pardon's decision making powers. Cyd deserves better, because 40 years is enough.

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THE OVERVICTIMIZATION AND CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS

Black women and girls are at greater risk for sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and human trafficking than white women and girls.³¹ They also face greater barriers to justice. Legal outcomes, and long-term justice for victims of commercial sexual exploitation, are directly impacted by stereotypes and mischaracterizations rooted in sexualized racism. While the stereotype may differ by race, racial bias and our nation's history of racial discrimination creates a system that criminalizes women and women of color at disproportionate rates.³² White women and girls are often considered victims, while Black women and girls are considered perpetrators, choosing to engage in prostitution.³³ As a result, police officers more frequently arrest and the criminal legal system punishes more Black women and girls more harshly than their white counterparts, as they are seen as criminally responsible for their own victimization.³⁴ This perpetuates a cycle of abuse that results in increased vulnerability, increased abuse, and increased criminalization for Black women and girls. It is imperative that law enforcement across Pennsylvania take steps to protect victims of trafficking and exploitation, beginning by not arresting individuals for selling sex—regardless of their race.

FULBRIGHT SPOTLIGHT

The CSE Institute’s work in policy and legislative advocacy focuses on advancing the Equality Model a law that originated in Sweden in 1999.³⁵ The key tenets of the Equality Model are:

- (1) decriminalizing those in prostitution;
- (2) criminalizing those who profit from or buy sex with a recognition that the demand for commercial sex is the root cause of sex trafficking;
- (3) creating a a public awareness campaign about the inherent dangers of prostitution; and
- (4) establishing robust, well-funded exit services for those seeking to exit the sex trade.

The Equality Model rests on the premise that the sex trade is rooted in gender inequality and gender-based violence and should be diminished and eradicated.³⁶

In 2000, the United Nations adopted the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Conventional against Transnational Organized Crime (“Palermo Protocol”). The Palermo Protocol identified several key measures that state parties shall do to prevent and eradicate trafficking of persons including engaging in awareness raising campaigns to prevent and combat trafficking, targeting factors that led to vulnerability to trafficking, and, importantly in Article 9, Section 5, “discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation.”³⁷ State parties have taken different legislative and policy approaches to targeting trafficking and the commercial sex trade.



Shea Rhodes outside of the University of Gothenburg in Gothenburg, Sweden.

CSE Institute Director Shea Rhodes was awarded a 2020-2021 U.S. Fulbright Scholar grant for the Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Each year the Fulbright Scholar Program offers nearly 470 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as a record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields. The Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program specifically focuses on scholarships for American citizens to conduct research in the European Union with a focus on EU affairs or policy, or the US-EU transatlantic agenda.



Specifically Director Rhodes was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study the implementation of Article 9, Section 5 of the Palermo Protocol within the legal frameworks of Sweden and Austria. She conducted research abroad for six months, from September 2021 to March 2022. Her forthcoming research paper is titled, “Discouraging the Demand that Drives the Exploitation of Persons that Leads to Human Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation.”

Austria and Sweden have divergent laws and policies regarding the commercial sex trade. In Austria, prostitution and the sex trade is legal, including the sale of sex, the purchase of sex, and the management of those selling sex. The commercial sex trade is regulated, and sex trafficking remains illegal. Sweden, as discussed above, has implemented laws on which the Equality Model is based. The sale of sex is legal, but the purchase of sex and conduct that facilitates the sex trade, i.e. pimping or trafficking, is criminalized. Director Rhodes research included engaging with practitioners and stakeholders who work with victims of CSE through workshops and seminars to discuss trauma-informed approaches to working with survivors.

FULBRIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



Ukraine

Swedish Presentations

I was grateful to present a seminar on Trauma Informed Legal Services for Victims of Human Trafficking with Lovisa Landalv in the Safe Havens Trafficking Center for the Salvation Army Sweden to the law students at University of Gothenburg. Working with and meeting aspiring attorneys always invigorates me because they represent the future. My time spent in Gothenburg, Uppsala and Stockholm was filled with rich discussions, amazing new connections, and opportunities for ongoing collaboration. Additionally, I filmed a seminar in Stockholm on Trauma Informed Lawyering. I presented with two of my new colleagues Madeleine Sundell and Lovisa Landalv in the Safe Havens Trafficking Center, along with Police Officer Annika Svensson.

On February 24, 2022, as Russia invaded Ukraine, I was living 250 miles away in Vienna, Austria. Immediately the fear spread, and so many had family and friends who were affected by the war. Since that day we have seen a terrifying trend of traffickers taking advantage of this moment, using Ukrainian refugees', mostly women and children, vulnerabilities to exploit them and force them into the sex trade.³⁸ The sex buyers on German review boards openly discuss their excitement at the influx of refugees from the war.³⁹ But this depravity is met with equal force—those combatting trafficking are also increasing their efforts. In real time, I was able to witness the beginning of a crisis that traffickers have capitalized on to line their pockets with money through the exploitation of the most vulnerable in society. The vulnerabilities that cause mostly women and girls to fall prey to sexual exploitation and sex trafficking are universal. The root cause is also universal – the demand for prostitution is the same “demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking”. I hope that my research will help shed a light and be a call to action for countries to end commercial sexual exploitation.

Austrian Brothels & Street Based Prostitution

While I was in Austria, I had the opportunity to visit the brothels and the streets where prostitution is legal. Despite knowing the realities of the sex trade before my visits, I had hoped that the employees would be afforded safety and respect. As is usually the case, I met people “working” in prostitution who wanted to exit. I was relayed multiple stories of injustice. I met one woman, an immigrant to Austria, who was brought to be registered as a sex worker as required under Austrian law. During that process, she learned that she was already registered as a sex worker, despite having no recollection of her prior registration or even where she had previously worked. The legalization of prostitution fails society time and time again.

ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS WORKING AGAINST COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

The following is not an exhaustive list and does not constitute an endorsement of any agency or services provided.

There are new anti-exploitation organizations forming all across the Commonwealth annually.

If your organization is missing from this list, please contact us.

Organization	Web Address
Abuse Network, The	http://www.abusenetwork.org/
A Child's Place (Mercy Health Center)	https://www.achildsplacepa.org/
A Safe Place, Inc.	http://www/jlc.org/resources/county-resource-guide/forest/safe-place-inc-forest-and-warren-counties
A Way Out	http://www.myawayout.org/
A Woman's Place	http://awomansplace.org/who/contact.html
Abuse & Rape Crisis Center	http://arcceducation.wix.com/arcc#!service/c1pna
ACCESS York, YWCA York	http://ywcaYork.org/
Adams County Children's Advocacy Center	https://www.kidsagaincac.org/index.html
Alice Paul House	http://www.alicepaulhouse.org/
Beaver County Anti Human Trafficking Coalition	http://bcantihumantraffickingcoalition.weebly.com/
Berks Women in Crisis	berkswomenincrisis.org
Blackburn Center	http://www.bl
Bloom Bangor	bloombangor.org/about
Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center fo Erie County, Inc., The	http://www.cacerie.org/
Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking	http://bcatpa.org/
Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center	http://buckscac.com/
Bulter County Alliance for Children - Child Advocacy Center	http://www.butlercountycac.org/
Cambria County Child Advocacy Center	http://www.cambriacac.org/
C.A.P.S.E.A., Inc.	http://capsea.org/
Carbon & Luzerne County Domestic Violence Service Center	http://domesticviolenceservice.org/
Care Center of Indiana County, The	http://carecenterofindianaco.org/
Centre County Women's Resource Center	tp://ccwrc.org/
Chester County Anti-Trafficking Coalition (CCAT)	https://sites.google.com/site/ccatsite/
Chester County Child Advocacy Center	http://www.chesco.org/1610/child-abuse
Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, Mount Nittany Health	https://www.mountnittany.org/childadvocacycenter
Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County	https://upmcjameson.com/upmc-jameson-2/childrens-advocacy-center-of-lawrence-county/
Children's Advocacy Center of Lehigh County	https://www.lvhn.org/facilities_directions/hospital_locations/community_clinics/john_van_brakle_child_advocacy_center
Children's Advocacy Center of North Eastern PA	http://cacnepa.org/
Children's Advocacy Center of McKean County	http://www.mckeancountypa.org/departments/children_s_advocacy_center/index.php
Children's Alliance Center of Berks Co.	http://opphouse.org/looking-for-help/child-sexual-abuse-information-forensic-interviews.aspx
Children's Center of Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties	http://www.fsawv.org/childac.php
Children's Home of Easton, The	http://thechildrenshome.org/
Children's House of Pittsburgh of UPMC	http://www.chp.edu/our-services/child-advocacy-center
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	http://www.chop.edu/
Compassionate Humans Against Trafficking	http://fightwithchat717.wix.com/chat - Imore-about-us/c1sxh
Congreso	http://www.congreso.net/

Organization	Web Address
Covenant House	http://www.covenanthousepa.org/
Crisis Victims' Center of Chester County	http://www.cvcofcc.org/
Crisis Victims' Center of Erie County	http://www.cvcerie.org/
Crisis Victims' Center of Fayette County	http://www.crimevictimscenter.com/
Crisis Victims Council of Lehigh County	https://cvclv.org/
Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County	http://crisishelter.org/
Dawn's Place	http://ahomefordawn.org/
Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center	http://www.delcochildrensadvocacycenter.org/
Delaware County Women Against Rape	http://www.delcowar.org/
Department of Human Services	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/
Department of Transportation	http://www.penndot.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County	http://www.dvccc.com/
Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties	http://www.dvscp.org/
East Side Laser Center	https://eastsidelasercenter.com/the-erase-project
F.R.E.E Berks County	https://www.freefromht.org/
Faith Alliance Against Slavery & Trafficking	https://faastinternational.org/
Geisinger Child Advocacy Center	https://www.geisinger.org/patient-care/conditions-treatments-specialty/2018/12/03/17/04/child-safety-and-advocacy
Gwen's Girls	http://www.gwensgirls.org/
HAVEN of Tioga County, Inc.	http://havenoftiogacounty.org/
Helping All Victims In Need (HAVIN)	http://havinpa.org/
Huntingdon House	http://www.huntingdonhouse.org/
Joseph J. Peters Institute, The (JJPI)	http://www.jjpi.org/
Justice at Work (formerly Friends of Farmworkers)	https://www.justiceatworklegalaid.org/
KidsPeace	https://www.kidspeace.org/pennsylvania/
Lancaster Anti-Trafficking Network (LATN)	https://www.facebook.com/LancasterAntiTraffickingNetwork/
Lancaster County CASE Task Force	https://co.lancaster.pa.us/705/C-A-S-E
Lancaster County Children's Alliance	http://lancastergeneralhealth.org/LGH/Our-Services/childrens-Advocacy-Center.aspx
Lancaster Initiative Against Human Trafficking (LIGHT)	facebook.com/LIGHT-Lancaster-Initiative-aGainst-Human-Trafficking-186767311856/
Lawrence County Crisis Shelter	http://crisishelter.org/
Lehigh Valley Community Foundation	https://www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org/
Lighthouse Counseling Services, LLC	https://www.lighthousecounselingpa.com/
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania	https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/
Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center	https://www.luzernecountycac.org/
Mid-Atlantic Dream Center	http://midatlanticdreamcenter.org
Mission Kids	http://missionkidsac.org/
Montgomery County Anti-Trafficking Coalition (MCAT)	https://www.mcatpa.org/
Nationalities Service Center, Anti-Human Trafficking Project	http://nscphila.org/our-work/special-initiatives/anti-human-trafficking
Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)	https://www.novabucks.org/
Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY)	https://nimby.me/what-we-do/
Northeast Regional Child Advocacy Center	https://www.nrcac.org/
North Penn Legal Services	https://www.northpennlegal.org/
North Star Initiative	https://northstarinitiative.org/
Oasis of Hope	https://www.oasisofhopeusa.org/
Over the Rainbow Children's Advocacy Center	https://overtherainbowcac.org/
Partners for Justice	http://lchscast.weebly.com
Partnership to End Human Trafficking	https://peht.org/

Organization	Web Address
PathWays PA	http://www.pathwayspa.org/
Peace Promise	https://www.peacepromise.org/
Pennsylvania Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans - 15 (PAATH-15)	http://www.educateandadvocate-paath.com/
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)	https://www.pcadv.org/
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)	https://pcar.org/
Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association	http://www.ppta.net/pages/traffickingtraining/index.html
Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking Coalition	http://patcoalition.org/
Philadelphia Children's Alliance	https://www.philachildrensalliance.org/
Philadelphia Commission for Women	https://beta.phila.gov/departments/commission-for-women/
PinnacleHealth Children's Resource Center	https://www.pinnaclehealth.org/locations/office/6685-pinnaclehealth-children-s-resource-center
Pittsburgh Action Against Rape	https://paar.net/
PPC Violence Free Network	http://www.fscas.org/ppc-vfn.htm
Salvation Army New Day Drop-In Center	https://pa.salvationarmy.org/greater-philadelphia/NewDay
She's Somebody's Daughter	http://shesomebodysdaughter.org/
Schuykill Community Action	https://schuykillcommunityaction.com/
Schuykill Women in Crisis	https://www.s-wic.org/
Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc.	http://www.splas.org/index-2.html
Sparrow Place	https://www.sparrowplace.org/
Sullivan County Victim Services	http://www.sulcovs.org/
Survivors, Inc.	http://enddvsa.org/
Transitions of PA	https://www.transitionsofpa.org/
Truth for Women - Truth Home	http://truthforwomen.org/purpose/
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley	http://www.turningpointlv.org/
Valley Against Sex Trafficking (VAST)	http://vast.ngo/
Valley Youth House	https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/locations/bucks-county-shelter/
Victims Intervention Program of Wayne & Pike Counties	http://www.vipempowers.org/
Victim Outreach Intervention Center of Butler County	https://www.voiceforvictims.com/
Victim Resource Center of Carbon County	https://vrcnepa.org/
Victim Resource Center of Luzerne County	http://www.vrcnepa.org/index.php
Victim Resource Center of Wyoming County	http://www.vrnepa.org/index.php
Well of Bucks County, The	http://worthwhilewear.org
Western PA Anti-Trafficking Coalition (WPAHTC)	https://www.facebook.com/WPAHTC
Western PA CARES for Kids	http://www.carescac.org/
Women Against Abuse	https://www.womenagainstabuse.org/
Women's Center of Beaver County	https://www.womenscenterbc.org/
Women's Center of Montgomery County	http://www.wcmontco.com
Women in Need	http://winservices.org/
Women Organized Against Rape	https://www.woar.org/
Women's Resource Center, Inc.	https://wrcnepa.org/
Women's Resource Center of Monroe County	http://www.wrmonroe.org/
Women's Services, Inc. (Crawford County)	https://www.womensservicesinc.com/
York County Children's Advocacy Center	http://yorkac.org/default.aspx
Your Safe Haven	http://www.yoursafehaven.org/
YWCA Bradford/McKean County Victims' Resource Center	http://ywcabradford.org/
YWCA Carlisle	http://ywcacarlisle.org/
YWCA Greater Harrisburg	http://ywcabg.org/programs/violence-intervention-and-prevention-services
YWCA Northcentral PA - Wise Options	https://www.ywcawilliamsport.org/our-programs/wise-options/

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