

Domestic Sex Trafficking (DMST)

What is DMST

- The exploitation of children under 18 for commercial sex acts.
- Youth do not need to be moved or cross borders to be trafficked.
- Traffickers use coercion, manipulation, and threats.

Where it occurs

- Trafficking can occur in homes, schools, online, or public spaces.
- Exploitation may occur through sex for money, shelter, drugs, or safety.

Who is affected

- LGBTQ2S+, Indigenous, and child welfare involved youth are mostly affected.
- Many youth do not self-identify as being trafficked.

The YST can help



- Offers a quick, structured way to assess risk.
- Helps identify enmeshment and recruitment warning signs.
- Supports early intervention and service connection.
- Designed to be used with youth in child welfare or at high risk.