





High-Risk Groups in Child Welfare: Most Vulnerable to Sex Trafficking

Groups of youth who show more risk based on the YST findings.



Girls and Young Women

-  **Recruitment signs** (e.g., experienced sexual abuse, self-harm/suicidality)
-  **Exploitation signs** (e.g., abusive intimate partner, multiple STIs/UTIs)



Middle Adolescence (14-17 years)

-  **Recruitment signs** (e.g., sporadic school attendance)
-  **Exploitation signs** (e.g., risky internet use, trafficking language)

Youth With Developmental Disabilities

-  **Recruitment signs** (e.g., unsafe peer relationships, self-harm/suicidality)
-  **Exploitation signs** (e.g., risky internet use, runaway behaviour)

Youth With Mental Health Challenges

-  **Recruitment signs** (e.g., sporadic school attendance)
-  **Exploitation signs** (e.g., risky internet use, time in trafficking venues)

LGBTQIA+ Youth

-  **Recruitment signs** (e.g., history of sexual abuse, self-harm/suicidality)