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Key service for victims of child exploitation faces funding cuts

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Bags of digital devices containing child sexual abuse material were stored in a secured facility within a Massachusetts Department of Correction building in Milford, where State Police have a cybercrime unit dedicated to investigating such

The Globe’s reporting on the explosion of online child exploitation underscores the challenge of keeping children safe in the digital era (“[Trapped in the dark web](#),” Page A1, May 17). Case managers who help children and families who are affected by abuse, exploitation, violence, and trauma gain access to therapy and legal advocacy are on the front lines of this worsening epidemic, and these providers are facing a massive reduction in funding that will only deepen the problem.

With [looming cuts to state victim services](#), our organization faces a decrease in funding of at least 30 percent. This will translate into far fewer resources to help children in need unless the funds are restored by the Legislature, which is deliberating on the fiscal 2027 budget. Without this urgent funding intervention, children and families face greater barriers to safety, healing, and recovery. Sadly, some may fall victim again to online predators. The Legislature and the governor must act now.

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