

About COMPASS

COMPASS' mission is to equip those it serves with the skills to become self-sufficient, productive members of their communities and society.

COMPASS has established itself as one of Massachusetts' leading providers of special education and human services for youth and families in need. It specializes in providing services to an at-risk population that includes comprehensive and individualized education, stabilization, transition, counseling, support and enrichment services.

Geographic areas served:

The East Project serves youth throughout Boston, Lawrence and Worcester communities.



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EAST Project

*Supporting youth
impacted by sexual
exploitation and
human trafficking*

*Prevention, training and
survivor-centered support
across Boston, Lawrence and
Worcester.*

Ask about our new

PILOT PROGRAM

Based in Lawrence

Launched in Jan 2026



History of East Project at COMPASS

East Project was created as a response to the growing need of services for individuals being affected by sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Each year, thousands of individuals in Massachusetts are victims of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). This lifestyle forced upon these youth lead to poor long-term health outcomes due to their individual demographics (income, gender, age, and physical environment). Youth exposed to CSEC are more likely to experience teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and substance abuse. Adults are also impacted by these behaviors.

Partnership with local organizations focus on creating positive social environments and awareness for staff, affected individuals and community members about the negative health effects of CSEC.

EMBRACING CHANGE.
ACKNOWLEDGING SELF-WORTH.
SURPASSING OBSTACLES.
TRANSCENDING CIRCUMSTANCES.

More About East Project

A holistic approach giving victims access to the necessary preparation for success.

- Strength-Based
- Trauma-Informed
- Harm Reduction

We provide training opportunities for all COMPASS staff to raise awareness about risk factors for trafficking and to effectively work with impacted youth.

We offer a 10-week prevention program for youth ages 12-18 to strengthen their awareness of high-risk behaviors.

In-person programs are currently hosted at COMPASS offices.

East Project Goals

Awareness Training
Prevention Groups
Specialized Help Fund
Workforce Development
Individual/Family Support

Collaborative Program Partners



COMPASS partners with My Life My Choice for staff training and support with the goals:

- Expanding the number of staff trained in a foundation curriculum to raise awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)
- Providing a holistic, proven prevention program for at-risk adolescent girls
- Increasing the number of staff certified to facilitate the prevention programs



COMPASS is a partner in the Lowell Ending Trafficking of Youth (LET YOUTH) project, launched by the Center for Hope and Healing, that provides comprehensive services to address the needs for safety, security, and healing to minor survivors of human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, in Greater Lowell areas.