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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

2021 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	F	$\frac{9}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to trafficker accountability under district CSEC laws and decoy defenses. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law and district CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	$\frac{15}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to foreign national victims, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	F	$\frac{2}{15}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including services through a non-punitive system, MDT responses, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	$\frac{11}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to civil orders of protection and civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	$\frac{3.5}{10}$	Policy goal accomplished related to privileged communications. Gaps remain in areas related to hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and victim supports.
 6. Prevention and Training	F	$\frac{7}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for child welfare and juvenile justice agencies. Gaps remain in areas related to training for law enforcement, prosecutors, school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	3	Protections related to screening through the juvenile justice system, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	3	Protections related to civil orders of protection, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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F 53.5

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