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# FLORIDA

## 2021 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

**TIER I**

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 <b>1. Criminal Provisions</b>	<b>F</b>	<b><math>\frac{7}{17.5}</math></b>	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law and decoy defenses. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
 <b>2. Identification of and Response to Victims</b>	<b>D</b>	<b><math>\frac{18.5}{27.5}</math></b>	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, child abuse definitions, and non-familial trafficking cases. Gaps remain in areas related to expanded non-criminalization and juvenile court jurisdiction.
 <b>3. Continuum of Care</b>	<b>C</b>	<b><math>\frac{11}{15}</math></b>	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to services through a non-punitive system, MDT responses, and appropriations. Gaps remain in areas related to services through the juvenile justice system and extended foster care services.
 <b>4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors</b>	<b>C</b>	<b><math>\frac{10.5}{15}</math></b>	Policy goal accomplished related to restitution. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation.
 <b>5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response</b>	<b>A</b>	<b><math>\frac{9.5}{10}</math></b>	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications. Gap remains related to hearsay exceptions.
 <b>6. Prevention and Training</b>	<b>B</b>	<b><math>\frac{12}{15}</math></b>	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, and prosecutors as well as prevention education in schools. Gaps remain in areas related to training for law enforcement and school personnel.
<b>EXTRA CREDIT</b>	 Youth	<b>1</b>	Protection related to privileged communications is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	<b>3</b>	Protections related to restitution, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
TIER I**C 72.5**

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