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KENTUCKY

2021 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

TIER I

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	F	7.5 17.5	Policy goal accomplished related to decoy defenses. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	D	17.5 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, child abuse definitions, and non-familial trafficking cases. Gaps remain in areas related to foreign national victims, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, and juvenile court jurisdiction.
 3. Continuum of Care	F	8 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to services through a non-punitive system and services through the juvenile justice system. Gaps remain in areas related to MDT responses, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	10.5 15	Policy goal accomplished related to civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	D	6.5 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	6.5 15	Policy goal accomplished related to training for prosecutors. Gaps remain in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	2	Protections related to civil remedies and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	4	Protections related to child abuse definitions, services through a non-punitive system, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
TIER I**D 62.5**

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