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MARYLAND

2021 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	F	10 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, and decoy defenses. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	9 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to screening through child welfare and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	F	7 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to services through a non-punitive system. Gaps remain in areas related to MDT responses, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	F	5 15	Gaps remain in all areas, including civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	1 10	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 6. Prevention and Training	F	2.5 15	Policy goal accomplished related to training for law enforcement. Gaps remain in areas related to training for child welfare juvenile justice agencies, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	1	Protection related to services through a non-punitive system is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	0	N/A

OVERALL GRADE
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F 35.5

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