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KENTUCKY

2023 Report Card

TIER I

GRADES ARE BASED SOLELY ON AN ANALYSIS OF STATE STATUTES. While we recognize the critical importance of non-legislative responses to propel progress, grading on statutory law provides a clear mechanism for evaluating policy goals across all states while ensuring that survivor-centered reforms are an enduring part of states' responses.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Between 2021-2023, raised score by 6 points.
- Currently ranked 10th in the nation (tie).
- Child welfare and juvenile justice agencies are required to screen system-involved youth for experiences or risk factors for sex trafficking victimization.
- Allows child and youth victims of sex or labor trafficking to seek accountability for their offenders through civil processes.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors under the core prostitution offense.

Issue			Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions		C	$\frac{13}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and business entity liability under the trafficking law. Gaps remain related to buyer accountability and financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims		D	$\frac{17.5}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care		F	$\frac{8.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to services through the juvenile justice system. Gaps remain related to community-based services, MDT responses, services through child welfare, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors		C	$\frac{10.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to civil remedies. Gaps remain 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	$\frac{6.5}{10}$	Policy goal accomplished related to privileged communications. Gaps remain related to hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and victim-witness supports.
	6. Prevention and Training		F	$\frac{6.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to training for prosecutors. Gaps remain 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 the juvenile justice system, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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