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MISSOURI

2023 Report Card

TIER II

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 16 points.
- Currently ranked 20th in the nation (tie).
- One of only 8 states to require a specialized multi-disciplinary response to cases of child sex trafficking.
- Child welfare is required to provide specialized services to system-involved children and youth with experiences of sex or labor trafficking victimization.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors for prostitution.

Issue		Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions	C	$\frac{13.5}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer and 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 under the trafficking law and financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	$\frac{12.5}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care	D	$\frac{9}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to MDT responses and services through child welfare. Gaps remain related to community-based services, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	D	$\frac{9.5}{15}$	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	B	$\frac{8}{10}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim-witness supports, and privileged communications.
	6. Prevention and Training	F	$\frac{3}{15}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	Youth		1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	Child Labor Trafficking		3	Protections related to child abuse definitions, services through child welfare, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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