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NEBRASKA

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 11 points.
- Currently ranked 20th in the nation.
- Provides for a specialized child welfare process for responding to non-caregiver cases of child sex trafficking.
- One of only 8 states to require a specialized multi-disciplinary response to cases of child sex and labor trafficking.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors under the core prostitution offense; one of only 4 states to expand this protection to adult victims of sex trafficking.

Issue		Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions	B	$\frac{15}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and business entity liability under the trafficking law. Gap remains related to financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	$\frac{15.5}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, screening through child welfare, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, child abuse definitions, and non-caregiver trafficking cases. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, screening through the juvenile justice system, expanded non-criminalization, and juvenile court jurisdiction.
	3. Continuum of Care	F	$\frac{6.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to MDT responses. Gaps remain related to community-based services, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	D	$\frac{10}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to vacatur and civil remedies. Gaps remain related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	$\frac{5.5}{10}$	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	$\frac{0}{15}$	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		3	Protections related to non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking		4	Policy goals related to child abuse definitions, non-caregiver trafficking cases, MDT responses, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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F 59.5