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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 23rd in the nation.
- Extended foster care services are available to youth under 23 years of age, providing an especially vulnerable

- group of young people access to services and care that may mitigate risk factors to harm, including exploitation.
- Buyers of sex with trafficking can be held criminally liable under the child sex trafficking and CSEC laws.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors for prostitution; expands the Safe Harbor law to provide child sex trafficking victims with protections against criminalization for other offenses committed as a direct result of trafficking victimization.

Issue		Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions	A	$\frac{17}{17.5}$	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	$\frac{14.5}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, non-criminalization for non-violent offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care	F	$\frac{5.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to extended foster care services. Gaps remain related to community-based services, MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	$\frac{11.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and civil remedies. Gaps remain related to civil orders of protection, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	$\frac{5}{10}$	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	$\frac{0}{15}$	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		1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking		4	Protections related to child abuse definitions, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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F 58.5