



OKLAHOMA

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 14th in the nation.
- One of 10 states to raise their letter grade this year.
- Provides child sex trafficking victims with an affirma-

- tive defense to violent felonies committed as a result of their trafficking victimization.
- Child welfare must provide access to services that are specialized to the unique needs of child sex trafficking victims.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

State law protects some, but not all minors, from being criminalized for prostitution offenses; minors who are not identified as child sex trafficking victims may still be subjected to arrest and prosecution for their own victimization. One of only 4 states to expand this protection to adult victims of sex trafficking.

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	$\frac{16}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, screening through child welfare, affirmative defenses for violent felonies, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, screening through 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 services through child welfare. Gaps remain related to community-based services, MDT responses, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	$\frac{10.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to civil orders of protection, restitution, and civil remedies. Gaps remain related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	$\frac{5.5}{10}$	Policy goal accomplished related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony. Gaps remain related to hearsay exceptions, victim-witness supports, and privileged communications.
	6. Prevention and Training	F	$\frac{4.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to training for child welfare. Gaps remain related to training for juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth		2	Protections related to affirmative defenses for violent felonies and civil remedies are extended to sex trafficked youth,
	 Child Labor Trafficking		4	Protections related to affirmative defenses for violent felonies, services through child welfare, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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