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## 2021 Report Card on Child &amp; Youth Sex Trafficking

**TIER I**

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 <b>1. Criminal Provisions</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>15.5</b> 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and financial penalties. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law and business entity liability under the trafficking law.
 <b>2. Identification of and Response to Victims</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>14.5</b> 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, child abuse definitions, and non-familial trafficking cases. Gaps remain in areas related to foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, and juvenile court jurisdiction.
 <b>3. Continuum of Care</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>5</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to services through a non-punitive system and extended foster care services. Gaps remain in areas related to MDT responses, services through the juvenile justice system, and appropriations.
 <b>4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>11</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to civil orders of protection, restitution, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation. Gaps remain in areas related to crime victims' compensation and vacatur.
 <b>5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>6.5</b> 10	Policy goal accomplished related to hearsay exceptions. Gaps remain in areas related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 <b>6. Prevention and Training</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>8</b> 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.
<b>EXTRA CREDIT</b>	 Youth	<b>1</b>	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	<b>3</b>	Protections related to child abuse definitions, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
TIER I**D 64.5****LEARN MORE****TOOLKIT:** To see how Colorado compares, visit [reportcards.sharedhope.org/toolkit](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/toolkit).**ISSUE BRIEFS:** To better understand a policy goal, visit [reportcards.sharedhope.org/issue-briefs](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/issue-briefs).**COLORADO SPECIFIC RESOURCES**To better understand Colorado's grade, access an in-depth analysis of its laws under the advanced legislative framework and review its historical progress by visiting [reportcards.sharedhope.org/colorado](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/colorado).**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**For legislators and partner non-profits that assist elected officials in creating legislation, request a consultation with our Policy Team online at [sharedhope.org/legislative-technical-assistance](https://sharedhope.org/legislative-technical-assistance). We will set up a meeting to discuss your legislative goals and create a customized goal for ongoing technical assistance, bill drafting services, and legislative support.