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2021 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	C	13.5 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, buyer and trafficked accountability under state CSEC laws, decoy defenses, and business entity liability under the trafficking law. Gaps remain in areas related to mistake of age defenses and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	10 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control and foreign national victims. Gaps remain in areas related to screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, child abuse definitions, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	F	2 15	Gaps remain in all areas, including services through a non-punitive system, MDT responses, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	11 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to civil orders of protection and civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	3 10	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 6. Prevention and Training	F	6.5 15	Policy goal accomplished related to prevention education in schools. Gaps remain in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and school personnel.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to child labor trafficking victims.

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