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# ARKANSAS

## 2022 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

TIER II

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 <b>1. Criminal Provisions</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>13.5</b> 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, decoy defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under state CSEC laws and mistake of age defenses.
 <b>2. Identification of and Response to Victims</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>11</b> 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control and child abuse definitions. 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, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 <b>3. Continuum of Care</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>5</b> 15	Gaps remain in all areas, including community-based services, MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 <b>4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>6.5</b> 15	Policy goal accomplished related to civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
 <b>5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>4</b> 10	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 <b>6. Prevention and Training</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>5.5</b> 15	Policy goal accomplished related to training for school personnel. Gaps remain in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, and prosecutors 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>2</b>	Protections related to child abuse definitions and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
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**F 48.5**

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