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# FLORIDA

## 2022 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

**TIER I**

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 <b>1. Criminal Provisions</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>10</b> 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 <b>2. Identification of and Response to Victims</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>18</b> 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 <b>3. Continuum of Care</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>12</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and appropriations. Gaps remain in areas related to community-based services and extended foster care services.
 <b>4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>11.5</b> 15	Policy goal accomplished related to restitution. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation.
 <b>5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>9.5</b> 10	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications. Gap remains related to hearsay exceptions.
 <b>6. Prevention and Training</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>12</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, and prosecutors as well as prevention education in schools. Gaps remain in areas related to training for law enforcement and school personnel.
<b>EXTRA CREDIT</b>	 Youth	<b>1</b>	Protection related to privileged communications is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	<b>3</b>	Protections related to restitution, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
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