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MISSOURI

2022 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

TIER II

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	C	13.5 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and business-entity liability under the trafficking law. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	12.5 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	D	9 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to MDT responses and services through child welfare. Gaps remain in areas related to community-based services, services through the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	D	9.5 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.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	6 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	3 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.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	3	Protections related to child abuse definitions, services through child welfare, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
TIER II**F 57.5**

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