

POLICY GOAL 3.4 State law requires the juvenile justice system to provide access to specialized services for identified sex trafficked children and youth.

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Alabama	No	No	Yes (prostitution-specific diversion process)	Forensic evidence collection, forensic interviewing, counseling, advocacy, shelter, alcohol or substance abuse treatment, mental health services, medical treatment, legal services, educational tutoring, counseling, language interpretation services, crisis intervention services, and safety planning
Alaska	No	No	No	N/A
Arizona	No	No	No	N/A
Arkansas	No	No	No	N/A
California	No	No	No	N/A
Colorado	No	No	No	N/A
Connecticut	No	No	No ²	N/A
Delaware	No	No	Yes (prostitution-specific diversion process)	Not specified
District of Columbia	No	No	No	N/A
Florida	Yes	N/A	N/A	Emergency shelter and runaway center services, outpatient individual or group counseling for the victim and the victim's family or legal guardian, substance use disorder treatment services, drop-in centers or mentoring programs, commercial sexual exploitation treatment programs, child

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2022. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Issue-Briefs-3.4.pdf>.

² However, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-170(f)(1)(D) (Trafficking in Persons Council. Membership. Duties. Reports.) tasks the Trafficking in Persons Council with developing a plan to provide services through diversion..

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				advocacy center services, prevention service, family foster care, therapeutic foster care, safe houses or safe foster homes, residential treatment programs, and employment or workforce training
Georgia	No	No	No	N/A
Hawaii	No ³	No	No	N/A
Idaho	No	No	Yes	Comprehensive case management; integrated mental health and chemical dependency services, including specialized trauma recovery services; education and employment training services; and off-site specialized services, as appropriate
Illinois	No	No	No	N/A
Indiana	No	No	No	N/A
Iowa	No	No	No	N/A
Kansas	No	No	No	N/A
Kentucky	Yes	N/A	N/A	Not specified
Louisiana	No	No	Yes (prostitution-specific diversion process)	“[S]afe and stable housing, comprehensive on-site case management, integrated mental health and chemical dependency services, including specialized trauma recovery services, education and employment training, and referrals to off-site specialized services, as appropriate”
Maine	No	No	No	N/A
Maryland	Yes	N/A	N/A	Safety planning, emergency response, basic living needs (not including housing), trauma counseling and mental health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, legal services, victim advocacy, case management, and designation of regional navigators
Massachusetts	Yes	N/A	N/A	Unspecified services but required to be appropriate, gender-responsive, and on a continuum
Michigan	No	No	No	N/A

³ While commercially sexually exploited children are referred to the delinquency process for access to services and resources, Hawaii law does not provide access to specialized services for identified sex trafficked children and youth in the juvenile justice system. Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 712-1200(6) (Prostitution).

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Minnesota	No ⁴	No	No	N/A
Mississippi	No	No	No	N/A
Missouri	No	Yes	N/A	“[C]ase management, emergency temporary housing, health care, mental health counseling, alcohol and drug addiction screening and treatment, language interpretation and translation services, English language instruction, job training, and placement assistance”
Montana	No	No	No	N/A
Nebraska	No	No	No	N/A
Nevada	Yes	N/A	N/A	Not specified generally (however, a child who has been placed under the juvenile court’s jurisdiction pursuant to a supervision and consent decree for a prostitution or prostitution-related offense may access services, including counseling and medical treatment for victims of sexual assault)
New Hampshire	No	No	No	N/A
New Jersey	No ⁵	No	No	N/A
New Mexico	No	No	No	N/A
New York	No	No	Yes (prostitution-specific diversion process)	Not specified
North Carolina	No	No	No	N/A
North Dakota	No	No	No	N/A
Ohio	No	No	Yes	Placement and services, including engagement in trauma-based behavioral health services or education activities
Oklahoma	No	No	No	N/A
Oregon	No	No	No	N/A
Pennsylvania	Yes	N/A	N/A	Safe and stable housing; access to education; employment and life-skills training; comprehensive case management; physical and behavioral health care, including trauma therapy;

⁴ While the court may order a child to receive “special treatment and care for reasons of physical or mental health,” that response is discretionary and Minnesota law does not clarify that sex trafficking is a physical or mental health need. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 260B.198(1)(a)(7) (Dispositions; delinquent child).

⁵ Notably, child sex trafficking is treated as a juvenile-family crisis case; however, this process does not statutorily require a specific service response for commercially sexually exploited children.

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				treatment for drug or alcohol dependency; medical and dental care; access to personal care items and adequate clothing; and other needs that sexually exploited children may have as determined by the department or the county agencies
Rhode Island	No	No	No	N/A
South Carolina	No	No	No	N/A
South Dakota	No	No	No	N/A
Tennessee	No	No	No	N/A
Texas	Yes	N/A	N/A	Governor’s Program for Victims of Child Sex Trafficking: customized package of services to fit the victim’s immediate and long-term rehabilitation and treatment needs (“must address all aspects of the medical, psychiatric, psychological, safety, and housing needs of victims”) Trafficked Persons Program: services facilitating assistance, treatment, and rehabilitation
Utah	No	No	No	N/A
Vermont	No	No	No	N/A
Virginia	No	No	No	N/A
Washington	No	Yes (if referred to a specialized receiving center)	N/A	Not specified
West Virginia	No	No	No	N/A
Wisconsin	No	No	No	N/A
Wyoming	No	No	No	N/A
Totals:	7 states <i>statutorily mandate</i> access to specialized services for all identified sex trafficked children and youth in the juvenile justice system.	2 states <i>statutorily authorize</i> access to specialized services for identified sex trafficked children and youth in the juvenile justice system.	6 states make specialized services available <i>only</i> in conjunction with diversion.	