

**POLICY GOAL 2.11** State law allows for child welfare involvement in sex trafficking cases that do not involve caregiver fault and provides for an alternative, specialized response in those cases.

State <sup>1</sup>	Does state law clearly allow for child welfare involvement in sex trafficking cases that do not involve caregiver fault? <sup>2</sup>	If so, does state law provide for an alternative, specialized response in those cases?
Alabama	No	N/A
Alaska	No	N/A
Arizona	No	N/A
Arkansas	No	N/A
California	No	N/A
Colorado	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	No
Delaware	No <sup>3</sup>	N/A
District of Columbia	Yes	No
Florida	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	No
Hawaii	No	N/A
Idaho	No	N/A
Illinois	No	N/A
Indiana	No	N/A
Iowa	Yes	No
Kansas	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	No
Louisiana	No	N/A
Maine	Yes	No
Maryland	No	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of July 1, 2023. Responses do not include an analysis of case law, agency rules, regulations, or practices/initiatives that exist outside of statutory law. For more information on the importance of these policy goals, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#2.11>.

<sup>2</sup> An asterisk (\*) in either column indicates that the alternative specialized response is limited to an initial emergency response rather than providing for ongoing services and care through child welfare regardless of parent or caregiver fault.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 901(3) (Definitions), the Department of Services for Children and Their Families is only required to investigate allegations of intrafamilial or institutional abuse, dependency, or neglect despite the definitions of “abuse” and “abused child” not being limited to acts committed by a parent or caregiver; non-caregiver allegations of abuse, dependency, or neglect, including allegations of non-caregiver child sex trafficking, may be investigated by the Department but only at its discretion.

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Massachusetts	Yes	No
Michigan	Yes	No
Minnesota	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	No
Missouri	Yes	No
Montana	No	N/A
Nebraska	Yes	Yes
Nevada	No	N/A
New Hampshire	Yes	No
New Jersey	No	N/A
New Mexico	No	N/A
New York	No	N/A
North Carolina	Yes	No
North Dakota	No	N/A
Ohio	No	N/A
Oklahoma	No	N/A
Oregon	No	N/A
Pennsylvania	Yes	No
Rhode Island	No	N/A
South Carolina	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	No	N/A
Tennessee	Yes	No
Texas	No	N/A
Utah	Yes	No
Vermont	Yes	No
Virginia	Yes	Yes
Washington	Yes	No
West Virginia	No	N/A
Wisconsin	No	N/A
Wyoming	No	N/A
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24 states<sup>4</sup></b> clearly allow for child welfare involvement in sex trafficking cases that do not involve caregiver fault.	<b>6 of those states</b> provide for an alternative, specialized response in those cases.

<sup>4</sup> Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall state count for statistical purposes.