2023 Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

NATIONAL STATE LAW SURVEY MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE

POLICY GOAL 3.2 State law provides for a survivor-centered multi-disciplinary team response to child sex trafficking cases.

State ¹	Does state law mandate the use of an MDT in responding to child sex trafficking cases?	If not, could child sex trafficking victims receive an MDT response under existing child sexual abuse MDT statutes?
Alabama	No	No
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	No	No
Arkansas	No	Yes
California	Not statewide	N/A
Colorado	No	Yes
Connecticut	Non-mandatory	N/A
Delaware	No	Yes
District of Columbia	No	Yes
Florida	Yes	N/A
Georgia	No	Yes
Hawaii	No	Yes
Idaho	No	Yes
Illinois	No	No
Indiana	No	No
Iowa	No	Yes
Kansas	No	No
Kentucky	Non-mandatory	N/A
Louisiana	No	Yes
Maine	No	Yes
Maryland	No	No
Massachusetts	Yes	N/A
Michigan	No	No
Minnesota	Non-mandatory	N/A
Mississippi	Yes	N/A
Missouri	Yes	N/A

¹ 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 this policy goal, please visit <u>https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#3.2</u>.

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Montana	No	No
Nebraska	Yes	N/A
Nevada	No	No
New Hampshire	No	Yes
New Jersey	No	Yes
New Mexico	No	Yes
New York	No	Yes
North Carolina	No	No
North Dakota	No	Yes
Ohio	No	Yes
Oklahoma	No	Yes
Oregon	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	No	Yes
Rhode Island	No	No
South Carolina	Yes	N/A
South Dakota	No	Yes
Tennessee	Yes	N/A
Texas	No	Yes
Utah	No	Yes
Vermont	No	Yes
Virginia	No	Yes
Washington	Yes	N/A
West Virginia	No	Yes
Wisconsin	No	Yes
Wyoming	No	Yes
Totals:	 8 states <i>mandate</i> the use of an MDT in responding to child sex trafficking cases. 4 states have a trafficking-specific MDT response, but it's either <i>non-mandatory or not statewide</i>. 	27 other states ² may allow child sex trafficking victims to receive an MDT response under existing child sexual abuse MDT statutes.

² Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall state count for statistical purposes.