

POLICY GOAL 5.4 State law provides for privileged communications between caseworkers and child sex trafficking victims.

State ¹	Does state law expressly provide for privileged communications between caseworkers and child sex trafficking victims? ²	If not, does state law provide for a more limited, non-trafficking specific protection (e.g., applies only to communications with certain licensed mental health professionals)?
Alabama	No	Yes
Alaska	No	Yes
Arizona	Yes*	N/A
Arkansas	No	Yes
California	Yes	N/A
Colorado	No	Yes
Connecticut	No	Yes
Delaware	No	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	N/A
Florida	Yes	N/A
Georgia	No	Yes
Hawaii	No	Yes
Idaho	No	Yes
Illinois	No	Yes
Indiana	Yes	N/A
Iowa	Yes	N/A
Kansas	No	Yes
Kentucky	Yes	N/A
Louisiana	No	Yes
Maine	No	Yes
Maryland	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	N/A
Michigan	No	Yes
Minnesota	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 <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#5.4>.

² An asterisk (*) indicates that, while not trafficking-specific, a broad privileged communications law protects communications in those cases.

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Mississippi	Yes	N/A
Missouri	No	Yes
Montana	No	Yes
Nebraska	Yes	N/A
Nevada	Yes	N/A
New Hampshire	No	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	N/A
New Mexico	No	Yes
New York	No	Yes
North Carolina	No	Yes
North Dakota	No	Yes
Ohio	No	Yes
Oklahoma	No	Yes
Oregon	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes	N/A
Rhode Island	No	Yes
South Carolina	No	Yes
South Dakota	No	Yes
Tennessee	Yes	N/A
Texas	No	No
Utah	Yes*	N/A
Vermont	No	Yes
Virginia	No	Yes
Washington	No	Yes
West Virginia	No	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes	N/A
Wyoming	No	Yes
Totals:	17 states³ expressly provide for privileged communications between caseworkers and child sex trafficking victims.	33 other states provide for a more limited, non-trafficking specific protection.

³ Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall state count for statistical purposes.