2023 Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

NATIONAL STATE LAW SURVEY TRAINING FOR CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES

POLICY GOAL 6.1 State law mandates statewide training for child welfare agencies on identification and response to child sex trafficking.

State ¹	Does state law <i>mandate</i> statewide, trafficking- specific training for child welfare agency workers?	If not, does state law <i>authorize</i> statewide, trafficking-specific training for child welfare agency workers?
Alabama	No	No
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	No	No
Arkansas	No	No
California	Yes	N/A
Colorado	No	Yes; but contingent on funding
Connecticut	No	Yes
Delaware	No	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	N/A
Florida	Yes	N/A
Georgia	No	Yes
Hawaii	No	No
Idaho	No	No
Illinois	No	No
Indiana	No	No
Iowa	No	Yes
Kansas	Yes; but limited to service providers in staff secure facilities	N/A
Kentucky	No	Yes
Louisiana	No	Yes
Maine	No	No
Maryland	No	No
Massachusetts	No	No
Michigan	Yes; but contingent on funding	N/A
Minnesota	Yes	N/A
Mississippi	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/#6.1</u>.

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Missouri	No	Yes
Montana	No	No
Nebraska	No	No
Nevada	Yes; but limited to staff of specialized housing placements	N/A
New Hampshire	No	No
New Jersey	No	No
New Mexico	No	No
New York	No	Yes
North Carolina	No	Yes
North Dakota	No	Yes; but establishment of the human trafficking commission, the entity responsible for conducting the training, is discretionary, making training contingent on its creation and continued operation
Ohio	No	No
Oklahoma	Yes	N/A
Oregon	Yes	N/A
Pennsylvania	No	No
Rhode Island	No	Yes
South Carolina	No	No
South Dakota	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	N/A
Texas	Yes	N/A
Utah	No	Yes ²
Vermont	No	No
Virginia	Yes	N/A
Washington	No	No
West Virginia	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No
Wyoming	No	No

² Although Utah Code Ann. § 80-2-301(2)(b)(ix), (x) (Division Responsibilities) broadly requires the Division of Child and Family Services to provide training for staff and providers involved in the delivery of offered services, training on identification and response to child sex trafficking is not expressly mandated as part of that training requirement. However, trafficking-specific training may be included since the mandate is specific to service providers, presumably on service responses, and the Division offers specialized services to commercially sexually exploited children.

State ¹	Does state law <i>mandate</i> statewide, trafficking- specific training for child welfare agency workers?	If not, does state law <i>authorize</i> statewide, trafficking-specific training for child welfare agency workers?	
Totals:	13 states ³ statutorily <i>mandate</i> statewide, trafficking-specific training for child welfare agency workers.	13 other states statutorily <i>authorize</i> statewide, trafficking-specific training for child welfare agency workers.	

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