



**POLICY GOAL #8**

**State law should establish a coordinated, community-based service response for trafficked children without requiring involvement in child-serving systems.**

State <sup>1</sup>	Does state law establish a coordinated, community-based service response without requiring system involvement?	If not, does state law authorize access without establishing a clear process for coordination or connection?	If not, does state law require the development of a plan to create coordinated access?	Services include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
Alabama	No	No	No	N/A
Alaska	No	No	No	N/A
Arizona	No	No	No	N/A
Arkansas	No	No	No	N/A
California	No	Yes	N/A	Unspecified services through family justice centers.
Colorado	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	N/A
Connecticut	No	No	No	N/A
Delaware	No	Yes	N/A	Unspecified services through family justice centers.
District of Columbia	No	No	No	N/A
Florida	No	No	No	N/A
Georgia	No	No	No	N/A
Hawaii	No	No	No	N/A
Idaho	No	No	No	N/A
Illinois	No	No	Yes	The Department of Human Services must develop a plan to establish a statewide system of identification and response to survivors of human trafficking.
Indiana	No	No	No	N/A
Iowa	No	No	No	N/A
Kansas	No	No	No	N/A
Kentucky	No	No	No	N/A
Louisiana	No	Yes	N/A	Unspecified services through family justice centers.

<sup>1</sup> Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of July 1, 2025. Responses do not include an analysis of case law, agency rules, regulations, or practices/initiatives that exist outside of statutory law.

<sup>2</sup> Although services may be available through a local collaborative management program, establishment of the program is discretionary, and services are not required to be specialized to the unique needs of child sex trafficking victims. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 24-1.9-102(1)(a), (a.5); 24-1.9-102.3(1)–(2).

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Maine	No	Yes (limited to children identified as homeless youth or as runaways)	N/A	Street and community outreach/drop-in programs, emergency shelter program, and transitional living programs.
Maryland	Yes	N/A	N/A	Services provided through the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program include safety planning, emergency response, basic living needs (including housing), trauma counseling and mental health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, legal services, victim advocacy, and case management.
Massachusetts	No	No	No	N/A
Michigan	No	No	No	N/A
Minnesota	Yes	N/A	N/A	Full list of services provided through the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth program are unspecified but, at a minimum, include community-based support services that are “available, accessible, and adequate for sexually exploited youth.”
Mississippi	No	No	No	N/A
Missouri	No	No	No	N/A
Montana	No	No	No	N/A
Nebraska	No	No	No	N/A
Nevada	Yes	N/A	N/A	Receiving centers are required to provide outpatient care services, including: mental health triage, assessment of medical needs, psychiatric evaluation, referral for detoxification, short-term placement, mobile crisis response, academic support, preventative services for children who are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation, and therapeutic treatment to assist the child in safely transitioning to a home-based environment.
New Hampshire	No	No	No	N/A
New Jersey	No	Yes <sup>3</sup>	N/A	Unspecified services through family justice centers.
New Mexico	No	No	No	N/A

<sup>3</sup> Further, New Jersey law requires the Attorney General to coordinate relevant entities, including community-based organizations, to create and administer programs to victims of human trafficking from underserved communities. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:17B-238.1.

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New York	No	No	No	N/A
North Carolina	No	No	No	N/A
North Dakota	No	No	No	N/A
Ohio	No	No	No	N/A
Oklahoma	No	No	No	N/A
Oregon	No	No	No	N/A
Pennsylvania	No	No	No	N/A
Rhode Island	No	No	Yes	The Council on Human Trafficking is required to develop a “comprehensive plan to provide victims with services.” The Council may also “make a grant or contract with a unit or state or local government, or nongovernmental victim’s services organizations to develop and expand service programs for victims.”
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	The Governor’s Program for Victims of Child Sex Trafficking is designed to provide individualized, comprehensive services, facilitated by the development of a “customized package of services to fit the victim’s immediate and long-term rehabilitation and treatment needs . . . address[ing] all aspects of the medical, psychiatric, psychological, safety, and housing needs of victims” in collaboration with local service providers. The Trafficked Persons Grant Program supports the provision of dedicated housing and treatment facilities, including “wraparound services to facilitate a continuity of care . . . .”
Utah	No	No	No	N/A
Vermont	No	No	No	N/A
Virginia	No	No	No	N/A
Washington	Yes	N/A	N/A	Specialized services are available through two receiving centers, which are required to provide for the immediate needs or refer CSE children to appropriate services, “assess mental health and substance disorder needs and provide appropriate referrals, and deliver individual and group counseling focused on developing and strengthening coping skills, and improving self-esteem and dignity.” Washington law also provides for certified

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				peer support specialists to assist trafficking survivors through community-based services agencies and as part of a mobile rapid response team.
West Virginia	No	No	No	N/A
Wisconsin	No	No	No	N/A
Wyoming	No	No	No	N/A
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>5 states</b> establish a coordinated, community-based service response without requiring system involvement.	<b>5 states</b> authorize access without establishing a clear process for coordination or connection.	<b>2 states</b> require the development of a plan to create coordinated access.	