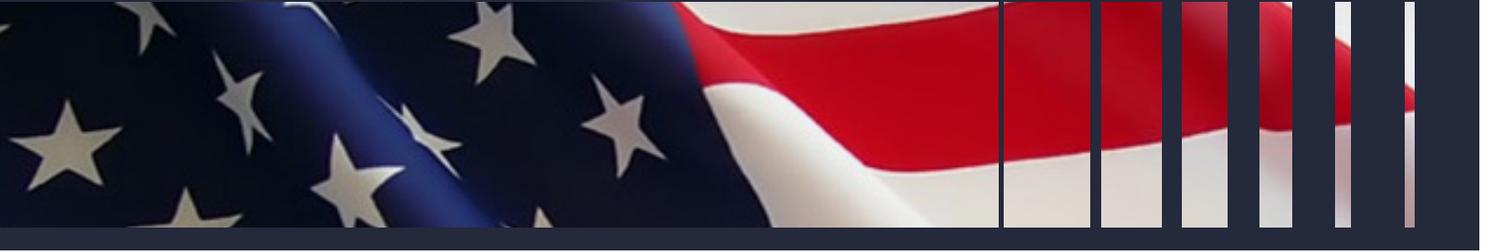


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THE PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive legislative analysis for each state, designed to inspire and equip advocates and legislators. Under the Challenge, every state receives a Report Card that grades the state on 41 key legislative components that must be addressed in the state's laws in order to effectively respond to the crime of domestic minor sex trafficking. The Report Cards set a national standard of protection against domestic minor sex trafficking. In addition, each state receives a complete analysis of this 41-component review and practical recommendations for improvement serve as a blueprint for policy makers to establish the foundational policies needed in each state to create a safe environment for children.

The methodology was vetted by experts in the anti-trafficking field, including Ambassador Mark Lagon (U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Person 2007-09) and directors from the following organizations: the National District Attorneys Association; American Bar Association (ABA) Center on Children and the Law; ECPAT-USA; the Protection Project at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (Washington, D.C.); Children at Risk (Houston, Texas); and youthSpark (formerly the Juvenile Justice Fund) (Atlanta, Georgia).

SETTING THE STANDARD TO PROTECT CHILDREN

The Protected Innocence Legislative Framework outlines six areas of law critical to protecting children and responding to domestic minor sex trafficking. Each state's existing laws were measured against standards that create a safe environment for children. A formula which measures the level of protection afforded by state laws regarding sex trafficking of children was applied to grade the state legislative framework; it does not evaluate enforcement or implementation.

The Protected Innocence Legislative Framework categories include:

1. Criminalization of domestic minor sex trafficking
2. Criminal provisions addressing demand (buyers)
3. Criminal provisions for traffickers (pimps)
4. Criminal provisions for facilitators (hotels, transports, websites etc.)
5. Protective provisions for the child victims
6. Criminal justice tools for investigation and prosecutions

2012 LEGISLATIVE ADVANCEMENTS

- 240 state and 38 federal bills introduced that relate to domestic minor sex trafficking.
- 40 states had legislation introduced that relates to the Protected Innocence Framework.
- 33 states enacted legislation related to the Protected Innocence Framework.
- 15 states improved their grade (AK, CO, FL, GA, IN, LA, MA, MD, NE, NV, OH, OK, SC, UT, WI)
- Alaska and Massachusetts were the only two states to improve two letter grades, from an "F" to a "C"
- Most improved score: Massachusetts
- Highest Score: Louisiana

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	Criminalization of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking	Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand	Criminal Provisions for Traffickers	Criminal Provisions for Facilitators	Protective Provisions for Child Victims	Criminal Justice Tools for Investigation and Prosecution	Total	Grade
Total Possible	10	25	15	10	27.5	15	100	A-F
Alabama	4.5	12	14.5	7	16.5	15	69.5	D
Alaska	5	15.5	12.5	9	18	10	70	C
Arizona	7	19	13.5	7	15	12.5	74	C
Arkansas	4.5	16	10.5	6	10.5	10	57.5	F
California	7	3	8	2	16	7.5	43.5	F
Colorado	5	20	12	4.5	18.5	7.5	67.5	D
Connecticut	8.5	13	12.5	4.5	14.5	3.5	56.5	F
Delaware	6	16.5	12	5	16	7.5	63	D
District of Columbia	5	16	8.5	6.5	16.5	5	57.5	F
Florida	7.5	17.5	14.5	5.5	20.5	15	80.5	B
Georgia	10	23.5	14	4.5	20	8	80	B
Hawaii	4.5	5	10.5	5	11.5	7	43.5	F
Idaho	7	15.5	11	3.5	8.5	10	55.5	F
Illinois	10	17	14	7	24.5	10	82.5	B
Indiana	7	13	12	3	21	14.5	70.5	C
Iowa	6	19.5	11	5.5	17.5	9.5	69	D
Kansas	5	9	11	5.5	13.5	7.5	51.5	F
Kentucky	9.5	12	14.5	5.5	16.5	10	68	D
Louisiana	7.5	24.5	13	9.5	20.5	12	87	B
Maine	2.5	14	9.5	2	12.5	5	45.5	F
Maryland	7	16	10.5	5.5	14	11	64	D
Massachusetts	7.5	18.5	13	7	18.5	10	74.5	C
Michigan	7.5	4	8.5	5.5	11.5	10	47	F
Minnesota	9.5	15.5	11.5	6.5	21.5	15	79.5	C
Mississippi	7	16	14.5	6	15	7.5	66	D
Missouri	7.5	22	12.5	8.5	20.5	11	82	B
Montana	3.5	14.5	12.5	6	12	7.5	56	F
Nebraska	7.5	19	10	3.5	10.5	10.5	61	D
Nevada	4.5	13	13.5	6.5	12.5	10	60	D
New Hampshire	7	9	13	2.5	13.5	7	52	F
New Jersey	8.5	17.5	11	4	19	7	67	D
New Mexico	5	15	9.5	4.5	12.5	9.5	56	F
New York	6	11.5	10	7.5	18.5	8.5	62	D
North Carolina	6	20.5	11	3	15	7.5	63	D
North Dakota	7.5	11.5	11	6.5	10.5	10	57	F
Ohio	8.5	20.5	11.5	4	13	15	72.5	C
Oklahoma	7.5	15	13.5	7	17.5	9.5	70	C
Oregon	5	12.5	13	4	17	12	63.5	D
Pennsylvania	5	16	10.5	4	10.5	12	58	F
Rhode Island	7.5	22	11.5	7	10.5	9.5	68	D
South Carolina	7	17	11	6	17	7.5	65.5	D
South Dakota	8	10.5	13.5	6.5	7.5	9.5	55.5	F
Tennessee	9	20	14.5	7	16.5	12.5	79.5	C
Texas	10	23	14	7	17.5	15	86.5	B
Utah	7	9.5	13.5	6	12.5	12	60.5	D
Vermont	5	13.5	10	5.5	22.5	7.5	64	D
Virginia	4.5	4.5	11.5	3.5	12	10.5	46.5	F
Washington	8	21.5	13.5	9.5	19.5	10	82	B
West Virginia	7.5	17	11	3	11.5	9.5	59.5	F
Wisconsin	7.5	21.5	12	7	17	10	75	C
Wyoming	4.5	4	10	2.5	9	2.5	32.5	F