

#### THE PROTECTED INNOCENCE INITIATIVE

The Protected Innocence Initiative is a comprehensive strategy to promote zero tolerance for child sex trafficking. Under this initiative, Shared Hope International released fifty-one individual Report Cards based on the Protected Innocence Legislative Framework, an analysis of state laws performed by the American Center for Law & Justice and Shared Hope International. The Report Cards set a national standard of protection against domestic minor sex trafficking. Recognizing that responses to domestic minor sex trafficking must originate at the state level, the Protected Innocence Initiative provides 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 A Future. Not a Past. (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 for 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

#### STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Advocates in each state are encouraged to use Shared Hope International's policy recommendations to influence legislative change, collaborate to generate public awareness and oversee the ongoing advancement of the Protected Innocence Initiative. Shared Hope International will facilitate face-to-face and online training for first responders, law enforcement, and others who deal directly with victims or perpetrators.

To access the Protected Innocence Legislative Framework Methodology and each completed Report Card please visit: <a href="https://www.sharedhope.org/ReportCards.aspx">www.sharedhope.org/ReportCards.aspx</a>



## PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

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Alabama	4.5	11	14.5	7	16.5	12.5	66	D
Alaska	3.5	5.5	10	9	17.5	10	55.5	F
Arizona	5	19	13.5	7	13.5	12.5	70.5	С
Arkansas	3.5	15	10.5	6	9.5	10	54.5	F
California	4.5	3	8	2	16	7.5	41	F
Colorado	2.5	18.5	11	3.5	15	7.5	58	F
Connecticut	6	6.5	12.5	4.5	14.5	3.5	47.5	F
Delaware	5	15.5	10.5	5	17	7.5	60.5	D
District of Columbia	5	16	8.5	6.5	16.5	5	57.5	F
Florida	4.5	17	14.5	5.5	18	12	71.5	С
Georgia	7.5	22.5	14	4.5	18.5	8	75	С
Hawaii	2.5	4	10.5	5	11.5	7	40.5	F
ldaho	5	14.5	11	3.5	8.5	10	52.5	F
Illinois	7.5	16	14	7	25.5	10	80	В
Indiana	3.5	13	10	3	18.5	14.5	62.5	D
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Kansas	5	8	11	5.5	13.5	7.5	50.5	F
Kentucky	7.5	11	14.5	5.5	16.5	10	65	D
Louisiana	5	20.5	12.5	9	15.5	7.5	70	С
Maine	2.5	15.5	12	2	12.5	7.5	52	F
Maryland	5	16	10.5	5.5	10.5	11	58.5	F
Massachusetts	2.5	10.5	8	4	10	10	45	F
Michigan	5	4	8.5	5.5	11.5	10	44.5	F
Minnesota	7.5	15.5	11.5	6.5	20.5	15	76.5	С
Mississippi	5	16	13.5	6	14	7.5	62	D
Missouri	7.5	22	12.5	8.5	20.5	11	82	В
Montana	3.5	14.5	12.5	6	12	7.5	56	F
Nebraska	5	14	10	3.5	10.5	9.5	52.5	F
Nevada	2.5	13	13.5	6.5	12.5	10	58	F
New Hampshire	7	10	13	2.5	11.5	7	51	F
New Jersey	6	17.5	11	6.5	16	5	62	D
New Mexico	5	15	9.5	4.5	12.5	9.5	56	F
New York	3.5	11.5	11	8.5	18.5	8.5	61.5	D
North Carolina	5	20.5	10	3	15	7.5	61	D
North Dakota	5	10.5	11	6.5	10.5	10	53.5	F
Ohio	3.5	18	11	4	11.5	12.5	60.5	D
Oklahoma	4.5	13.5	13.5	7	1 <i>7.</i> 5	9.5	65.5	D
Oregon	2.5	12	13	4	17	12	60.5	D
Pennsylvania	2.5	16	9.5	3	12.5	12	55.5	F
Rhode Island	5	22	11.5	7	10.5	9.5	65.5	D
South Carolina	2.5	13.5	10	2.5	12.5	7.5	48.5	F
South Dakota	4.5	16	12.5	5.5	6.5	9.5	54.5	F
Tennessee	7.5	20	13	3.5	16.5	12.5	73	С
Texas	7	23	14	7	1 <b>7.</b> 5	15	83.5	В
Utah	4.5	9.5	13.5	6	11	12	56.5	F
Vermont	5	13.5	10	5.5	23	7.5	64.5	D
Virginia	2.5	3.5	11.5	3.5	12	10.5	43.5	F
Washington	6	21.5	13.5	9.5	19.5	10	80	В
West Virginia	2.5	4.5	8.5	2	11.5	9.5	38.5	F
Wisconsin	5	21.5	10.5	6	14.5	7.5	65	C B F D F B F D
Wyoming	2.5	4	9	2.5	9	2.5	29.5	F