

The Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework builds on the original Protected Innocence Challenge Framework, preserving the most fundamental components while including new policy priorities that reflect feedback and research from the field—particularly in the area of victim protections. The advanced framework will be used to grade the states next fall when we release the inaugural Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking. As such, the 2021 legislative session is a critical time for your state to strengthen its laws before report cards and corresponding grades are issued.

So what is **COLORADO’S** current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **COLORADO HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM F TO A:**

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2019	SCORE	GRADE	10/10	23.5/25	12.5/15	7.5/10	22.5/27.5	14/15
	90	A						
2011	SCORE	GRADE	2.5/10	18.5/25	11/15	3.5/10	15/27.5	7.5/15
	58	F						

Colorado’s trafficking law defines any child who is bought or sold for sex as a victim of sex trafficking regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion was used,

regardless of whether a buyer exploited the child without a trafficker’s involvement, and regardless of whether the victim identifies a trafficker. Further, state law prohibits the criminalization of child sex trafficking victims for prostitution offenses, but available service responses are not required to be specialized.

To support implementation of Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced

the Report Cards on Child & Legislative Framework, our



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Policy Team will remain available to provide rapid, technical assistance to support legislators, advocates, and state agencies; technical assistance requests can be submitted [here](#).



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