

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

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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 **ARIZONA'S** current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **ARIZONA HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM C TO B:**

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| 2019 | SCORE | GRADE | 10 | 21 | 15 | 7.5 | 14.5 | 15 |
|------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 83 | B | 10 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 27.5 | 15 |
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| 2011 | SCORE | GRADE | 5 | 19 | 13.5 | 7 | 13.5 | 12.5 |
| | 70.5 | C | 10 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 27.5 | 15 |

Arizona law provides substantial penalties for sex trafficking and gives law enforcement critical investigative tools to pursue demand, but buyers of

commercial sex may assert a mistake of age defense in cases involving older minor victims, shifting the burden to prosecutors to obtain meaningful penalties. Further, state law does not prohibit the criminalization of minors for the crime of prostitution, nor does it provide for a specialized service response.

To support implementation of the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework, our Policy Team will remain



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



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