

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

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Year	SCORE	GRADE	9.5	18.5	14.5	4.5	17	15
2019	79	C	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
2011	60.5	D	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

Ohio's trafficking in persons law criminalizes sex trafficking of a child under 16 without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion, but protections are limited for

older minors. Child sex trafficking victims may avoid a juvenile delinquency adjudication and access services if diverted by the court, but this response is not mandatory, leading to disparate outcomes for victims, and inherently punitive in nature.

To support implementation of the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework, our Policy Team will remain available to provide rapid, technical assistance to support legislators, advocates, and state agencies; technical assistance requests can be submitted [here](#).



To learn more about the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex trafficking, visit our page: [sharedhope.org/reportcards](https://www.sharedhope.org/reportcards)

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