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



Connecticut's human trafficking law does not require the use of force, fraud, or coercion when committed against a minor, but the law does not

criminalize buyer conduct. However, advances in victim protection through non-criminalization for prostitution offenses and specialized services promote appropriate responses for child sex trafficking victims.

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 <u>here</u>.

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