ALASKA

Total Score: **5 Points** of 8 Total Available

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| Definition of Abuse: | Staff Training: |
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**Why did my state receive this grade?** Alaska has elements that are friendly to prevention but should take further action to make prevention education viably accessible to youth.

**Who does this exploitation and trafficking impact?** Each year millions of children are victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, affecting communities small and large. This happens all over the world, including in your own community.

**How does this happen?** Children are most often exploited by an acquaintance (significant other, friend, family member, etc.). They are targeted, groomed, tricked, and manipulated.

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**ALASKA BY NUMBERS**

- 41 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 10 human trafficking cases reported.
- 3 cases concerned a minor.
- 9 cases involved females, 3 involved males.

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**ALASKA LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

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<td>Terms included in Alaska’s Definition of Abuse:</td>
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| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | • Safe Children’s Act; Bree’s Law  
• Topics: Sexual abuse, sexual assault (not including exploitation or trafficking)  
• Mandated for K-12 |
| Staff Training Requirements | Required |
EXPLOITATION BY NUMBERS

- Approximately 1.6 million children run away every year in the United States.²
- Of the nearly 27,000 runaways reported to NCMEC in 2017, one in 7 were likely victims of child sex trafficking.³
- There were 8,524 human trafficking cases reported in the United States in 2017 and 32% of those cases involved a minor.⁴
- In 2017, 88% of trafficked children were in the care of social services at the time the exploitation began.⁵

RECOMMENDED STEPS AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

TASK FORCE

- Direct that a seat on the task force is filled by a child exploitation prevention expert.

STATE DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE

- Amend state statute defining child abuse to include trafficking and exploitation.

PREVENTION EDUCATION CURRICULUM

- Mandate child exploitation prevention curriculum in all state public schools for all grade levels.
- Identify within the curriculum the need to educate youth with age appropriate curriculum on child exploitation, child trafficking, and child abuse.

¹ Polaris Project, Human Trafficking Hotline, 2017 State Statistics: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states. Note that not all demographics are captured by every report to the hotline.
³ National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/cse/cstt
⁴ National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states
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MISSION: We equip adults to empower youth to eradicate exploitation. For more info visit: http://iempathize.org/educators/the-prevention-priority/