CALIFORNIA

Total Score: **6.5 Points** of 8 Total Available

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**Why did my state receive this grade?** California has taken steps to prioritize prevention education and should continue to enhance statues and processes that make such education 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.

**CALIFORNIA BY NUMBERS**

- **3998** calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- **1305** human trafficking cases reported.
- **378** cases concerned a minor.
- **1162** cases involved females, **128** involved males, **12** involved gender minorities.

**CALIFORNIA LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

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<td>Terms included in California’s Definition of Abuse:</td>
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| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | • CA Educ Code § 33545 (2017); CA Educ Code § 51950 (2017); see also: AB No. 1227 (2012)  
• Topics: Sexual harassment, sexual assault, adolescent relationship abuse, intimate partner violence, and sex 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.¹
- 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

- Re-establish a state task force focused on the prevention of child exploitation and trafficking.
- Direct that a seat on the task force is filled by a child exploitation prevention expert.

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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