MICHIGAN

Total Score: **2.5 Points** of 8 Total Available

- **TASK FORCE:** .5 of 1.5 total points
- **PREVENTION EDUCATION:** 1.5 of 4.5 total points
- **DEFINITION OF ABUSE:** .5 of 1 total points
- **STAFF TRAINING:** 0 of 1 total points

**Why did my state receive this grade?** Michigan is in the bottom tier and should actively work to improve statutes to make prevention education viable and accessible for 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.

**MICHIGAN BY NUMBERS**

- 962 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 305 human trafficking cases reported.
- 99 cases concerned a minor.
- 263 cases involved females, 336 involved males, <3 involved gender minorities.

**MICHIGAN LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

- **Mandated Task Force?**
  - Human Trafficking Commission
  - [http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82917_81399_81403---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82917_81399_81403---,00.html)

- **Terms included in Michigan’s Definition of Abuse:**
  - Exploitation and Trafficking

- **Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels**
  - Topics: Sexual abuse awareness and prevention (not including exploitation or trafficking)
  - Mandated for PK-5th

- **Staff Training Requirements**
  - Neither mandated nor recommended
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

- Amend state task force to include a focus on the prevention of child exploitation and trafficking.
- Direct that a seat on the task force is filled by a child exploitation prevention expert.

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.

STAFF TRAINING

- Mandate all state public school staff are trained to effectively recognize and respond to the signs of child exploitation and factors that make youth vulnerable to child exploitation.

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/csstt
⁴ National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states
⁵ National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/cse/csstt

MISSION: We equip adults to empower youth to eradicate exploitation. For more info visit: http://iempathize.org/educators/the-prevention-priority/