NEVADA

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

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**Why did my state receive this grade?** Nevada 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.

**NEVADA BY NUMBERS**

- 305 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 199 human trafficking cases reported.
- 45 cases concerned a minor.
- 187 cases involved females, 11 involved males, <3 involved gender minorities.

**NEVADA LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

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<td>Terms included in Nevada’s Definition of Abuse:</td>
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| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | NV Rev Stat § 389.021 (2017) 
Topics: Abuse (not including exploitation or trafficking) 
Mandated for 6th-12 |
| 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**

- Create 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.

**STATE DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE**

- Amend state statute defining child abuse to include trafficking.

**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.

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\(^1\) Polaris Project, Human Trafficking Hotline, 2017 State Statistics: [https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states](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](http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/cse/cstt)

\(^4\) National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics: [https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states](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/](http://iempathize.org/educators/the-prevention-priority/)
5 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/cse/csst