CALIFORNIA

Total Score: 6.5 Points of 8 Total Available

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

**Why did my state receive this rating?** 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 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**

- **Mandated Task Force?** California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery - ENDED 2007
- **Terms included in California’s Definition of Abuse:** Exploitation and Trafficking
- **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.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

WHAT CAN I DO?

Contact your child’s school administrator about adding prevention education at your child’s school.

Contact your local representative to ask them to get involved in prevention education legislation.

Be a mentor to youth in your community.

Sponsor prevention education for schools and other youth-serving organizations. Visit donate.iempathize.org.

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

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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/