IOWA

Total Score: 3 Points of 8 Total Available

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<th>TASK FORCE:</th>
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<th>PREVENTION EDUCATION:</th>
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<td>DEFINITION OF ABUSE:</td>
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<td>STAFF TRAINING:</td>
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**Why did my state receive this rating?** Iowa is in the bottom tier and should actively work to improve statutes to make prevention education viable and accessible for 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.

**IOWA BY NUMBERS**

- 218 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 74 human trafficking cases reported.
- 23 cases concerned a minor.
- 66 cases involved females, 8 involved males.

**IOWA LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

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<th>Mandated Task Force?</th>
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<td>Terms included in Iowa's Definition of Abuse:</td>
<td>Exploitation and Trafficking</td>
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<td>Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels</td>
<td>• A sexual abuse and assault education law (trafficking and exploitation not included) mandating prevention for K-12 may be pending.</td>
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<td>Staff Training Requirements</td>
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EXPLOITATION BY NUMBERS

- Approximately 1.6 million children run away every year in the United States.  

- Of the nearly 27,000 runaways reported to NCMEC in 2017, one in 7 were likely victims of child sex trafficking.  

- There were 8,524 human trafficking cases reported in the United States in 2017 and 32% of those cases involved a minor.  

- In 2017, 88% of trafficked children were in the care of social services at the time the exploitation began.  

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.