MAINE

Total Score: **3.5 Points** of 8 Total Available

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**Why did my state receive this rating?** Maine has elements that are friendly to prevention but should take further action to make prevention education viably 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.

### MAINE BY NUMBERS

- 62 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 19 human trafficking cases reported.
- 7 cases concerned a minor.
- 17 cases involved females, 7 involved males.

### MAINE LAWS AND PROVISIONS

**Mandated Task Force?**

Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Work Group

[https://sites.google.com/site/maineagtraffickingworkgroup/home](https://sites.google.com/site/maineagtraffickingworkgroup/home)

**Terms included in Maine’s Definition of Abuse:**

Exploitation and Trafficking

**Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels**

- Topics: child abuse, child sexual abuse awareness and prevention (not including exploitation or trafficking)
- Mandated for K-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.\(^5\)

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.

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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/