**NEW YORK**

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

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**Why did my state receive this rating?** New York 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.

**NEW YORK BY NUMBERS**

- 870 calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- 333 human trafficking cases reported.
- 119 cases concerned a minor.
- 286 cases involved females, 46 involved males, <3 involved gender minorities.

**NEW YORK LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

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<td>Terms included in New York's Definition of Abuse:</td>
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| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | • NY Educ L § 804 (2017)  
• Topics: Interpersonal violence K-12; child abduction prevention K-8(not including exploitation or trafficking)  
• Mandated for K-12 or K-8 (see above) |
| 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/