NORTH CAROLINA

Total Score: **4.5 Points** of 8 Total Available

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**Why did my state receive this rating?** North Carolina 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.

**NORTH CAROLINA BY NUMBERS**

- **854** calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- **221** human trafficking cases reported.
- **73** cases concerned a minor.
- **176** cases involved females, **44** involved males, **<3** involved gender minorities.

**NORTH CAROLINA LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

**Mandated Task Force?**
North Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

**Terms included in North Carolina’s Definition of Abuse:**
Exploitation only (Trafficking not included)

**Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels**
- **NC Gen Stat § 115C-81 (2016)**
  - Topics: sexual abuse and sexual assault; sex trafficking awareness and prevention
  - Mandated for 7th-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.\(^5\)

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.

MISSION: We equip adults to empower youth to eradicate exploitation.
For more info visit: http://iempathize.org/educators/the-prevention-priority/

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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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