### SOUTH CAROLINA

Total Score: **3 Points** of 8 Total Available

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

### SOUTH CAROLINA BY NUMBERS

- **387** calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- **118** human trafficking cases reported.
- **34** cases concerned a minor.
- **92** cases involved females, **22** involved males.

### SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND PROVISIONS

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<td>Terms included in South Carolina’s Definition of Abuse:</td>
<td>Neither exploitation nor trafficking included</td>
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| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | • S.C. Code § 59-32-30  
• Topics: Sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention (not including exploitation or trafficking)  
• Mandated for K-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.

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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