**Why did my state receive this rating?** Utah 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.

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### UTAH BY NUMBERS

- **102** calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- **33** human trafficking cases reported.
- **9** cases concerned a minor.
- **25** cases involved females, **4** involved males, **<3** involved gender minorities.

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### UTAH LAWS AND PROVISIONS

#### Mandated Task Force?
Utah Trafficking in Persons Task Force

#### Terms included in Utah’s Definition of Abuse:
Exploitation and Trafficking

#### Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels
- Utah Code Ann. § 53A-13-112
- Topics: Sex abuse prevention and awareness (not including exploitation or trafficking)
- Mandated for K-12

#### Staff Training Requirements
Required
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

4 National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics: https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states

5 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/cse/cstt

MISSION: We equip adults to empower youth to eradicate exploitation.

For more info visit: http://iempathize.org/educators/the-prevention-priority/