WASHINGTON

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

**WASHINGTON BY NUMBERS**

- **500** calls to the human trafficking hotline.
- **163** human trafficking cases reported.
- **36** cases concerned a minor.
- **131** cases involved females, **20** involved males, **<3** involved gender minorities.

**WASHINGTON LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

| Terms included in Washington’s Definition of Abuse: | Exploitation only (Trafficking not included) |
| Prevention Education Law, Scope, and Grade Levels | • HB 1539 - 2017-18  
  • Topics: Sexual abuse (not including exploitation or trafficking)  
  • Mandated for K-12 |
| Staff Training Requirements | Mandated |
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/