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# NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES

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TO: Members of the National Governors Association  
Members of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators  
Members of the National Indian Child Welfare Association

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Dear Colleagues:

The [National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States](#), established on January 18, 2017 through the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-183), advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General on policies to improve the Nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth in the U.S.

In September 2020, the Committee published its interim report, [Best Practices and Recommendations for States](#), which contains 127 recommendations with supporting resources and examples that states may consult as they work to improve their response to the sex trafficking of children and youth within their jurisdictions. In March 2021, the Committee released its [State Self-Assessment Survey](#) for each state to assess their work to address the sex trafficking of children and youth.

P.L. 113-183 required the Committee to submit to the Secretary, the Attorney General, and the public a description of what each state has done to implement the recommendations of the Committee. In accordance with these requirements, the Committee's most recent report, [Preliminary State Self-Assessment Survey Overview](#), is available online. The preliminary report provides a high-level summary of state efforts based on information collected during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted many states' capacities to respond to the survey. The Committee would like to thank every person who contributed to this report. We acknowledge the challenging times that each of you have encountered and we recognize the constraints that states have confronted.

While this preliminary report makes an effort to meet the Committee's responsibilities prior to its statutory sunset on January 18, 2022, a more comprehensive report including additional analysis of information may be published in the future through discretionary activities supported by HHS. We look forward to more input from stakeholders to improve services to children and youth who are vulnerable to experience sex trafficking and to eliminate sexual exploitation in the United States.

With gratitude,



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