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Dear Colleagues:

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

Report Structure: In accordance with the requirements under P.L. 113-183, the Committee published its interim report, which contains recommendations and 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. The report includes recommendations in the following areas:

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| 1. Multidisciplinary Response | 7. Judiciary |
| 2. Screening and Identification | 8. Demand Reduction |
| 3. Child Welfare | 9. Prevention |
| 4. Service Provision | 10. Legislation and Regulation |
| 5. Housing | 11. Research and Data |
| 6. Law Enforcement and Prosecution | 12. Funding and Sustainability |

Each recommendation has two tiers:

- Tier I provides initial steps for states that have not yet substantively addressed the sex trafficking of children and youth.
- Tier II provides examples of practices and policies for states already working to address the sex trafficking of children and youth.

State Self-Assessments: States are asked to assess the extent to which they have worked to address the sex trafficking of children and youth by choosing the tier that best describes their work (Tier I or Tier II, as appropriate). States may consider collaborating with their respective human trafficking task forces, coalitions, child welfare, law enforcement, service providers, tribal leaders, and other relevant groups to inform their assessment. The data collection tool for states to assess their progress is undergoing OMB review and a 30-day notice will appear in the Federal Register.

Committee Evaluation: After states provide their self-assessments to the Committee, the Committee will publish a final report describing the efforts of each state to implement their recommendations.

The report and records of public proceedings of the National Advisory Committee is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee>. Our next public meeting is on [Thursday, September 17, 2020](#).

On behalf of all of the members of the National Advisory Committee, I look forward to working with you as we improve the Nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth. If you have any questions about the Committee or the report, please email NAC@nhttac.org.

Sincerely,



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