

About Us

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's® (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

Headquartered outside the nation's capital in Alexandria, Virginia, NCMEC was created in 1984 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to provide services for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered, and sexually exploited children. NCMEC is mandated by Congress and works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

NCMEC has assisted law enforcement personnel with 154,161 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of 138,506; trained 256,386 law enforcement and other professionals, handled more than 675,000 reports of child sexual exploitation through our CyberTipline, printed 46,016,000 copies of issue-related publications; and handled 2,377,000 telephone calls through its national toll-free Hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678). NCMEC's Web site, www.missingkids.com, reaches a global audience with a multilingual database of images and information on missing children, prevention tips, and free resources.

NCMEC is unique. It is the only child protection nonprofit organization provided access to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person, Wanted Person, and Unidentified Person Files; the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS); and the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS). It is the only organization operating a 24-hour, toll-free Hotline for the recovery of missing children in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice. NCMEC is also the only private, non-profit organization that combines these and many other resources to provide an unmatched level of support – backed by more than 24 years of experience handling missing children cases -- to law enforcement, state clearinghouses, and parents seeking the recovery of abducted children, both domestically and internationally. NCMEC's unparalleled experience in child abduction cases includes over 12 years of handling, on behalf of the U.S. State Department, applications seeking return of or access to children abducted to the U.S. under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (from 1995 to April of 2008). Also, NCMEC is the only organization operating a 24-hour child pornography tipline (www.CyberTipline.com) in cooperation with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

SERVICES TO ASSIST IN MISSING CHILDREN CASES

Case Analysis and Support Division
Forensic Imaging Unit
Infant Abduction Prevention
International Division
LOCATER (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource)

Missing Children's Division
Photo Distribution
Project Alert
Team Adam

SERVICES TO ASSIST IN CASES OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP)
CyberTipline
Exploited Child Division
Family Advocacy Division

Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center
NetSmartz Workshop
Sex Offender Tracking Team

