



NCMEC RESOURCES FOR CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & SURVIVORS THEIR FAMILIES

NCMEC is here to help survivors and families impacted by online child sexual exploitation. Our team can provide free assistance and support by discussing legal issues, providing counseling recommendations, identifying community support and offering guidance on removing child sexual exploitation content from the Internet.

Seek counseling and community resources

NCMEC provides assistance to families who need help coping with a missing or sexually exploited child. We offer crisis intervention to families as well as local referrals to appropriate professionals for longer-term support.



Find family support

NCMEC has a network of trained parent volunteers who have been impacted by the sexual exploitation of a child and can provide guidance and support to families in similar situations.

Remove images, videos, and comments online

NCMEC works closely with technology industry partners to help reduce child sexual exploitation images that circulate on the Internet and stop the posting of harassing online comments. We also can share resources, guidance, and tools to help you remove child sexual exploitation photos and videos from the Internet.



Locate an attorney to help you understand your legal rights and pursue monetary restitution

A child whose sexually exploitative photos are shared online has a legal right to seek monetary restitution from all offenders who create, share, or possess these images. Because the process to seek monetary restitution is complex and often confusing, it is helpful for you to have an attorney when you navigate the legal system. NCMEC can talk you through these legal issues and help find an attorney who will work on your behalf.



To reach out to a member of NCMEC's team for assistance, please email familysupport@ncmec.org or call **1-877-446-2632 ext. 6117**



Child Sex Trafficking Recovery Services Team (RST)

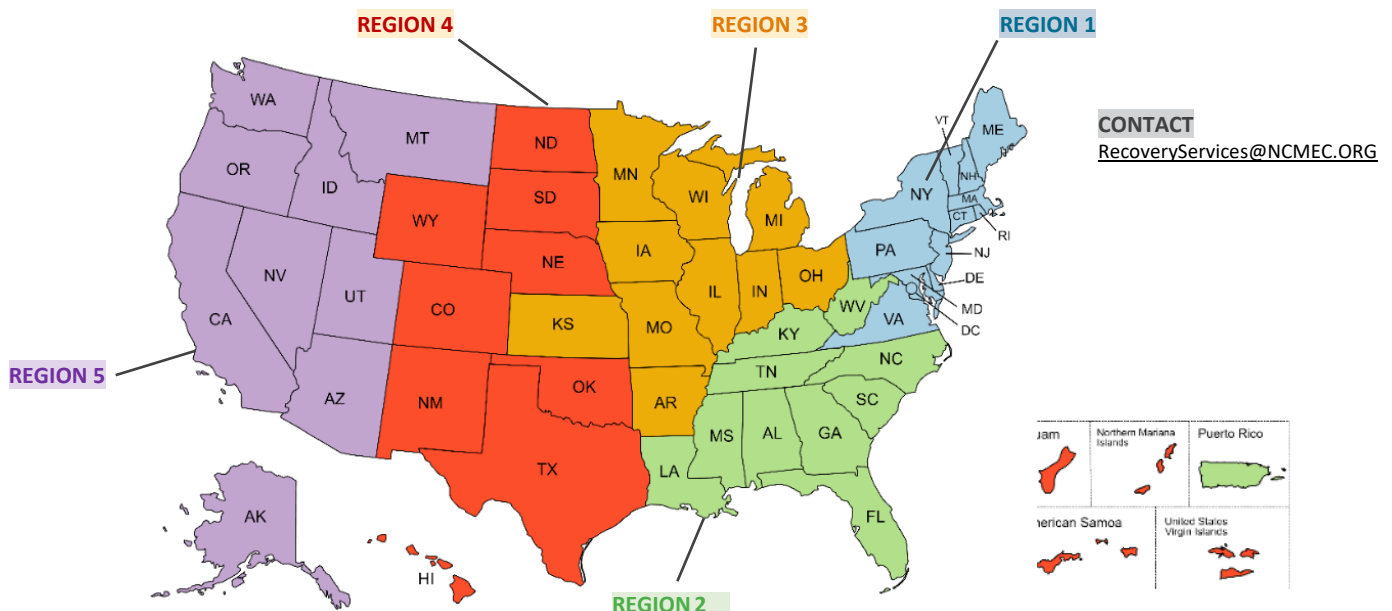
The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is available to provide specialized technical assistance, support, and resources to child welfare and other child-serving professionals working with missing children who are victims of child sex trafficking.

RST Resource Specialists are assigned to multi-state regions and available to offer the following assistance for cases involving child sex trafficking:

- » Share promising practices in trauma-informed responses and reducing running behavior
- » Provide case-based assistance in the development of trauma-informed and victim-centered recovery plans
- » Connect professionals to local and national resources that provide specialized services
- » Provide resources and support on meaningful youth engagement, effective approaches to trauma responses, strategies to address and reduce running behavior, and safety planning
- » Provide training and assist with protocol development
- » Support multidisciplinary efforts to prevent revictimization

Why Recovery Planning?

When a survivor of child sex trafficking is recovered or returns to child welfare care, it is a disruption, or a pause, in their victimization. Recovery Planning recognizes this disruption as an unparalleled opportunity to begin to break the cycle of exploitation through intentional, planned, trauma-informed, and victim-centered engagement. Informed and specialized engagement at the time of and following recovery, has the potential to discredit the lies and manipulation of a trafficker and start to build the foundation of healthy, caring relationships.



NCMEC has developed a three-part Child Sex Trafficking Training “Addressing Child Sex Trafficking: Risk Factors, Recognition and Response”. You can access it [here](#).



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EMPOWERING,
SUPPORTING &
ASSISTING
FAMILIES

“THANK YOU

for all of your help and support. I was
a wreck when I first called Team Hope,
and you did truly, truly give me hope.”

– Parent of a missing child

Professional Referrals

Families coping with a missing or exploited child may need help from therapeutic providers who understand how a family and community are impacted. Our Family Advocacy Outreach Network (FAON) is a diverse network of licensed mental health consultants who provide brief or ongoing therapeutic care on a sliding-fee scale or at no charge. This network is international in scope, and **we seek professionals with expertise in family trauma to join us. To learn more and apply to join our network, visit MissingKids.org/FAON.**

Family & Community Assistance

Master's level trained specialists work directly with families on the unique challenges facing them to reunite, rebuild and reconnect. Our dedicated child and family advocates strengthen families by offering telephonic support, crisis intervention, educational outreach and assistance to families, communities and other professionals.

“I feel so blessed and honored to be associated with such a great agency and group of people who are caring for children and families during this most difficult time.”

– FAON volunteer



Peer Support

There are thousands of parents today who don't know where their children are or who have discovered their child has been sexually exploited. We support families as they navigate this unimaginable, traumatic journey. We pair these family members and caregivers with people who've experienced the pain of having a missing or sexually exploited child. These volunteers, known as Team HOPE, provide peer support, coping skills and compassion to families.

Reunification Assistance

Reuniting a family with a recovered missing or exploited child can be difficult and challenging. We offer wide-ranging resources to families and children, including travel assistance, mental health services and peer support.



For more information, contact
1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)

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MissingKids.org



Missing Kids Readiness Program

What is the Missing Kids Readiness Program?

The Missing Kids Readiness Program (MKRP) promotes policies and best practices for responding to calls of missing and sexually exploited children. Member agencies are publicly recognized by NCMEC for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing or sexually exploited child incident. There are no fees from NCMEC to become member agencies.

Program Criteria

Law enforcement agencies and emergency communications centers can become part of the Missing Kids Readiness Program by completing free online training, adopting or having written policies compatible with the NCMEC or IACP model policies for law enforcement agencies and the APCO ANSI standard for emergency communications centers.

Criteria



Chief or Sheriff of a LE agency or PSAP Director/Manager attends CEOMEC seminar or completes all the Missing and Exploited Child modules for law enforcement or PSAP course, respectively.



LE agency adopt LE Model Policy (or a policy meeting critical components of the model policy) and PSAP agency adopts ANSI Standards (or a policy meeting critical elements of the ANSI Standard) and addresses quality assurance review.



All sworn personnel or telecommunicators complete required online modules in their respective course catalog.

For more information, visit MissingKids.org/MKRP or email mkrp@ncmec.org

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Executive Leadership Series on Missing & Exploited Children



This free series will familiarize leaders in public safety with current issues related to missing and sexually exploited children. Participants will learn about effective policies and practices, emerging trends, and resources for managing response, investigation and prevention of these unique cases.

Designed for executives in law enforcement agencies and emergency communications centers, as well as state clearinghouse managers, this interactive six-week online course covers topics including:

- Vulnerable Populations
- Emerging Trends in Exploited Child Cases
- Child Sex Trafficking
- Community-Based Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- Legal Considerations
- Media Relations
- Federal Resources
- Family and Survivor Impact
- Responder Resilience and Wellness
- Community Action Planning

To learn more and apply, visit: MissingKids.org/Training

Agency benefits:

- ✓ **Showcase commitment to protecting children** through expert leadership training, resource management, and child-focused service delivery.
- ✓ **Build public confidence** in your agency's ability to effectively and efficiently meet community priorities on child safety.
- ✓ **Increase community satisfaction** by implementing model policies and standards for responding to missing and exploited child incidents.
- ✓ **Improve victim services** through collaboration with community organizations that address challenges resulting from missing and sexually exploited children cases.



Participants will receive a certificate for 11 hours of in-service credit upon completion of all requirements in the online training.