

RESOURCES FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS

After contacting your local law enforcement agency, you can also contact NCMEC to:

REPORT A MISSING CHILD – 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION – CyberTipline.com



KIDSMARTZ® (KIDSMARTZ.ORG)

KidSmartz is a free child safety program that educates families about preventing abduction and empowers kids in grades K-5 to practice safer behaviors.

This program offers resources to help parents and teachers protect kids by teaching and practicing the “4 Rules of Personal Safety” using tips, printable activities, music, videos and more.

NETSMARTZ (NETSMARTZ.ORG)

NetSmartz Workshop is NCMEC’s interactive, educational program that teaches basic Internet safety. It provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on and offline.

NETSMARTZ411® (NETSMARTZ411.ORG)

NetSmartz411 is parents' and guardians' premier, online resource for answering questions about Internet safety, computers, and the Internet.

VICTIM AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Coping with the traumatic experiences of abduction and sexual exploitation demands courage and determination on the part of victims, parents, guardians and other family members. NCMEC's Family Advocacy Division has master-level trained mental health and child welfare professionals who work to proactively help families, law enforcement, social service agencies and mental health agencies by providing a support network for child victims and their families.

The victim and family support services provided by NCMEC include: immediate crisis intervention when a family needs help with a missing, exploited or recovered child; support for survivors of abduction and exploitation; emotional support for endangered runaways, parents, guardians and families; and referrals to appropriate agencies and mental health professionals. For more information, contact: familyadvocacy@ncmec.org.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

NCMEC provides training, technical assistance and resources at no cost to law enforcement and other professionals who investigate cases of missing children and child sexual exploitation. NCMEC also provides free technical assistance and guidance to military prosecutors for cases on military installations.

NCMEC hosts traditional classroom training sessions at its headquarters and throughout the country. Online courses are available through NCMEC’s distance learning program, NCMEC University Online: missingkids.org/NCMECUniversity.



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® is a private, nonprofit organization, designated by Congress to work in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice and other federal agencies, private corporations, law enforcement, families and the public on issues related to missing and exploited children.

NCMEC is funded by both the public and private sectors as a unique public/private partnership that enables NCMEC to engage in a coordinated, national response to the problem of missing and exploited children.



- Handled more than **4.2 million** calls through its national toll-free hotline: 1-800-THE-LOST®
- Distributed **billions** of missing child posters
- Assisted law enforcement in the recovery of more than **218,000** missing children
- Coordinated the secondary distribution of AMBER Alerts, leading to the safe recovery of more than **794** abducted children; and
- Offered emotional support and reunification assistance to more than **55,000** affected families.

Over the past 30 years, NCMEC’s role has continually expanded to respond to evolving threats against our nation’s children. Today, while remaining true to our core programs and values, we continue to work with law enforcement, families and the children we serve to address emerging issues, including those involving child sex trafficking, children missing from care, and missing children with special needs.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ON SOME OF NCMEC’S SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND KEY RESOURCES FOR YOU, YOUR STAFF AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS. Please contact NCMEC’s Legislative Affairs team with any additional questions or needs at legislativeaffairs@ncmec.org or 703-837-6248.

WHEN A CHILD GOES MISSING

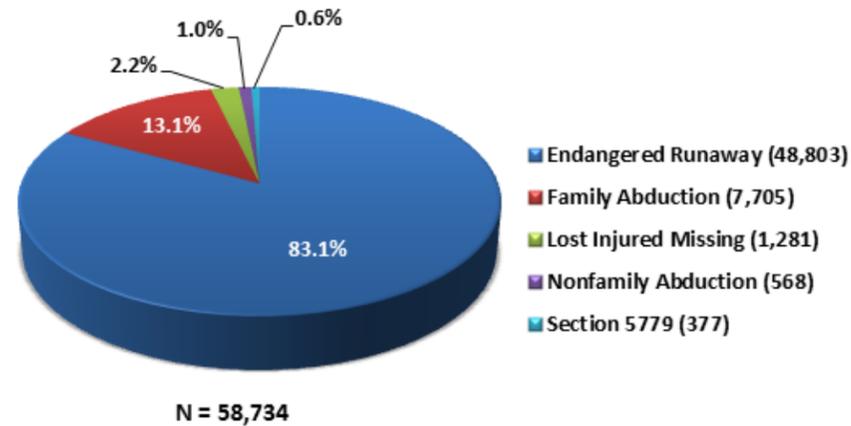
NCMEC is ready to assist families and law enforcement agencies 24 hours a day. Each case brings its own set of unique challenges, and NCMEC is prepared to help meet those challenges.

At NCMEC, we have five types of cases for missing children:

- Endangered runaways
- Family abduction
- Lost, injured, or otherwise missing
- Nonfamily abduction
- Section 5779 (missing children ages 18, 19, and 20 referred by law enforcement)

IN 2015, NCMEC ASSISTED LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH MORE THAN 13,000 CASES OF MISSING CHILDREN.

2011 - 2015 Intakes by Case Type



FORENSICS AND LONG-TERM MISSING CHILDREN

Unfortunately, there are many cases of long-term missing children; however, at NCMEC these cases are never forgotten and we will never stop searching for a child no matter how long he or she has been missing.

A missing child's photo is age progressed by NCMEC's forensic artists every two years until that child turns 18, and then every five years until he or she is found. In addition, NCMEC's forensic team assists in the identification of dozens of deceased children through facial reconstructions from skeletal remains or coroner photos.

In the summer of 2015, NCMEC's image of an unidentified young girl's remains found in Boston, MA was viewed over 50 million times leading to the eventual identification of Bella Bond, a deceased two-year old child.

MISSING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS

NCMEC has noticed an alarming number of children with autism and other special needs who disappear from safe environments, often with deadly consequences. This phenomenon is known as "wandering" or "eloping" in the autism community, but a better term would be "bolting" – often to something the child is attracted to such as a body of water, a traffic sign or a train and that can place a child in imminent danger.

NCMEC is working hard to inform the public of the dangers of "wandering" so they can be on the lookout for these children. Because searching for a child with special needs presents unique challenges, NCMEC has developed special search protocols to help first responders. NCMEC's search protocols are free and available at missingkids.org/autism.

AMBER ALERTS

The **AMBER Alert** program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies and the wireless industry to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. The AMBER Alert program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies and the wireless industry to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. The goal of an AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for, and the safe recovery of, the child. NCMEC is a secondary distributor of these alerts which means when local law enforcement activates an AMBER Alert, NCMEC redistributes the alert through a variety of outlets including digital billboards, online search engines, cell phones and Facebook.



CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

The issue of child sex trafficking is complex. Today, children are being sold for sex on the streets, in hotels and in casinos, but, with the growth of the Internet, the trafficking world is also expanding online. Online classified sites allow for traffickers to remain anonymous while purchasing ads to sell child victims. The traffickers target vulnerable children, such as runaways and children in the foster care system, and then move them around the country to meet the demand of their customers.

Of the more than **11,800** endangered runaways reported to NCMEC in 2015, **one in five** were likely victims of child sex trafficking. Of those, **74 percent** were in the care of social services when they went missing.

NCMEC continues to look for ways to address this issue. In 2011, NCMEC created the Child Sex Trafficking Team to respond to the increased need for technical assistance and analysis in cases of domestic child sex trafficking. Further, since 2003, NCMEC has provided support to the FBI and local law enforcement agencies in the "Innocence Lost National Initiative."

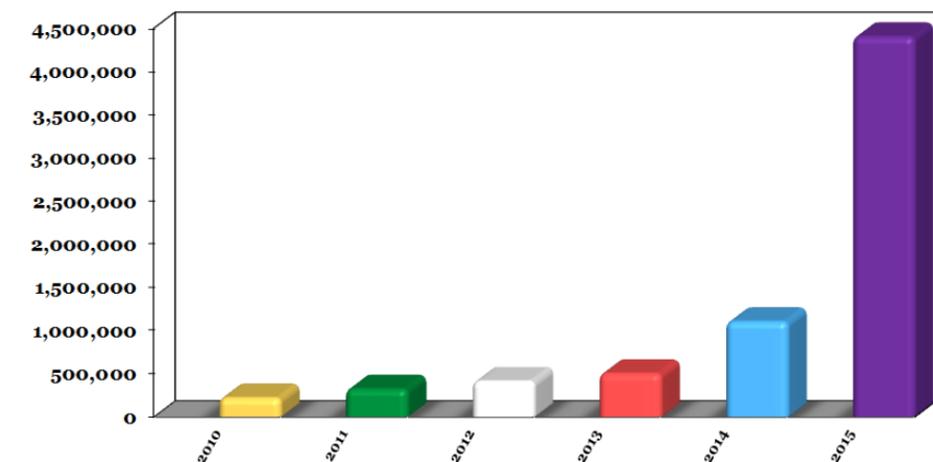
NCMEC provides case management support for missing children victimized through sex trafficking and Hope Bags so survivors can have basic items—including clothes, food, and toiletries—in the first few hours after they are recovered.

CYBERTIPLINE®

NCMEC operates the **CyberTipline**, a national mechanism for the public and electronic service providers to report suspected child sexual exploitation.

In 2015, the CyberTipline received more than **4.4 million reports**, most of which related to:

- Apparent child sexual abuse images;
- Online enticement, including "sextortion;"
- Child sex trafficking; and
- Child sexual molestation.



Since its inception, the CyberTipline has received more than **7.7 million reports**.

CHILD VICTIM IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Once images of child sexual abuse are uploaded to the Internet and actively traded, it is incredibly difficult to identify the child or to track the abuse back to the abuser. The vast majority of these children are sexually abused and photographed by a person they should have been able to trust – a parent, relative, family friend or coach.

NCMEC's analysts work to help law enforcement identify the children in the images and where the images were taken. Since 2002, NCMEC staff have processed over **158 million** images and videos, and law enforcement has identified over 10,500 child victims.