



## NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN TRAINING COURSES

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (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. Additionally, we offer an online course to educators about the risks children face online.

NCMEC hosts traditional classroom training sessions at its headquarters in Alexandria, VA and throughout the country. Online courses are also available through NCMEC's distance learning program, NCMEC University Online: [missingkids.org/NCMECUniversity](http://missingkids.org/NCMECUniversity).

Below is more information about some of the courses offered by NCMEC:

### **Classroom Format**

#### ***Missing Children Seminar for Chief Executive Officers (CEO)***

This two day seminar, designed for chiefs, sheriffs, 911 directors and clearinghouse managers, familiarizes participants with issues related to missing child cases, including effective policies and practices, technical assistance, training and available resources.

#### ***Exploited Children Seminar for Chief Executive Officers (ECEO)***

This two day seminar, designed for chiefs and sheriffs, familiarizes participants with issues related to exploited child cases, including effective policies and practices, technical assistance, training and available resources.

#### ***Child Sex Trafficking: Awareness & Response (CSTAR)***

This three and a half day practical for law enforcement and child serving professionals covers a comprehensive list of topics necessary for professionals working with child victims of sex trafficking, including legal issues and charging, investigating online advertisements, considerations for scalable undercover operations, interviewing, presenting evidence during interviews, survivor impact, the interdiction model and coordinating case services.

#### ***Missing Children: Dynamics and Response (MCDR)***

This one day seminar provides critical information to officers and investigators who will respond to missing child reports and whose knowledge, skills and abilities may make the difference between recovery and a protracted investigation.

#### ***Forensic Imaging Training***

NCMEC offers a one week training course in forensic imaging techniques. In the 8 years since the start of this course, NCMEC has trained approximately 120 law enforcement artists in these specialized techniques.

#### ***Preventing Infant Abduction***

NCMEC provides technical assistance and training to healthcare and security professionals in an effort to prevent infant abductions from occurring in their facilities. NCMEC also provides guidance about how to respond when an infant abduction does occur and assistance to law enforcement during and after an incident.

## **Online Format (through NCMEC University Online)**

### ***Missing Children: Dynamics and Response (for first responders) (MCDR-1)***

This course focuses on response strategies and provides students with a broad understanding of the nature of the problem of missing and abducted children, characteristics of child victims, the response needed for missing children with special needs and resources/technical assistance available. This course is designed for first responders including patrol, call-takers and dispatchers as well as investigators and first line supervisors, including both law enforcement and public safety answering points (PSAPs).

### ***Missing Children: Dynamics and Response (for command personnel) (MCDR-2)***

This course focuses on response strategies and provides students with a broad understanding of the nature of the problem of missing and abducted children, the key laws enacted to address these issues, the characteristics of child victims, the response needed for missing children with special needs, working with the media, policy development and the resources/technical assistance available. This course is designed for command personnel and midlevel managers up through senior leadership.

### ***Missing Children Clearinghouse Training (MCCT)***

This course was developed to familiarize participants with a current proposal for NCMEC's call center assistance program, resources available to assist unaccompanied minors during a disaster, and the role of the United States Marshals Service in identifying and locating sex offenders displaced during a disaster. This course is designed for Missing Child Clearinghouse managers and staff.

### ***Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking: Awareness & Response (ICSTAR)***

This course focuses on the unique dynamics involved in working with a minor victim of sex trafficking including risk factors making individuals vulnerable to sex trafficking, the recruitment and seasoning process, various rules and beliefs of the sex trafficking culture, adolescent development, victim differences, trauma bonding, dissociative disorders and the role and purpose of a multi-disciplinary team. This course is designed for child serving professionals, including forensic interview specialists, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, health care providers, child protective service workers, child protection attorneys and juvenile justice personnel.

### ***Missing and Exploited Children: What Security Professionals Need to Know (MECSP)***

Launched in 2015, this course provides critical information for security professionals, which includes nongovernmental organizations in the private-sector that are in the practice of protecting people, property, and information, conducting investigations, and otherwise safeguarding an organization's assets, to help them recognize, observe, and properly report incidents or circumstances of missing, abducted and/or sexually exploited children.

### ***Online Educator Training Program***

This course is a self-paced online training program that teaches educators about the risks children face online, key lessons that they should be teaching, and which NetSmartz resources they should utilize for each age group. This course is designed for anyone who teaches Internet safety to children ages 5-17, which may include educators, library media specialists, law enforcement officers, and youth group leaders. This course takes approximately one hour to complete.

**Additional information about NCMEC's classroom training sessions may be accessed online at [missingkids.org/Training](http://missingkids.org/Training). You may also contact our training experts via email at [jrletc@ncmec.org](mailto:jrletc@ncmec.org).**