



Submitting Images to CVIP

Submitting Media



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS GROUP

Submitting Images to be Reviewed for Identified Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and its federal law enforcement partners¹ are working together to assist U.S. law enforcement agencies and prosecutors with determining if images/videos contain children who have been identified by law enforcement in past investigations.

Maintaining a law enforcement chain of custody is critical in submitting a case for review. Following are the guidelines for preparing a package for mailing:

- Only copies of files possibly containing children should be sent. Please do not send original evidence.
- Both movie and image files may be sent on CD, DVD, or VHS tape. For very large submissions, thumb drives and hard drives are encouraged; however, the content on these drives should still be restricted only to copies of files possibly containing children and the following formatting is still required.
- All image files should be zipped up into a zip (compression) file, *no larger than 1.5 GB*. If *submission is larger than 1.5GB, multiple zip files may be used*. Please do not send Encase reports or other Word, RTF or PDF documents. (See following document for guidance on how to extract files from these documents.)
- Please include any known email addresses and screen names of the target as NCMEC may have relevant CyberTipline reports to the case. Include name of related Operation if applicable.
- If any of the hash values from this case were run through NCMEC's Law Enforcement Services Portal (LESP) Hash Search function, please list the case reference for that report.
- Please include the number of image and movie files submitted for review. For submissions over 100,000 images or over 5,000 videos, please notify NCMEC CVIP via phone before mailing to discuss the timeline for the review.
- Federal law enforcement partner agencies should submit via their agency's liaison at NCMEC. Local, state and other federal law enforcement agencies should mail the package to:
**U.S. Postal Inspector Liaison
USPIS/NCMEC
Post Office Box 320401
Alexandria, VA 22320-4401**
- The package should be sent via *Express Mail, Certified or Registered mail*. Please do not send via UPS or FedEx.

¹ Federal law enforcement partner agencies include: Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Postal Inspection Service; DHS Immigration & Customs Enforcement; the U.S. Secret Service; U.S. Marshals Service; and Military Criminal Investigative Organization.

- Each submission should be accompanied by a brief statement on a piece of agency letterhead, including agency name, officer/agent name, address, phone number, email address, and a brief description of case with case number and subject's name.
- Please note: if international victim identification efforts are initiated based on files in a submitted case, those unidentified files may be queried through Interpol's database to gather information.

Contraband received will be controlled and secured by a law enforcement officer and provided to a NCMEC analyst for review and analysis. Once received by the Postal Inspector at NCMEC, the case will be assigned a Technical Assistance Request number and you will be notified via email that your case has been received. Please contact NCMEC if you have not received the notification after two weeks.

NCMEC strives to provide the fastest service possible to requesting agencies. Cases will be processed in the order in which they are received. We ask for your patience while we review your submitted images/videos. Processing times may vary depending on the volume of submissions. Should you need to have your submission expedited, please contact NCMEC directly at the number listed below. If your submission is needed for a specific court hearing, please include the date and type of court hearing on the submission letter.

Digital submissions to NCMEC will be destroyed following analysis. If needed, hard drive submissions may be returned to the agency. Please notify NCMEC of this request upon submission. The submitted media will remain under law enforcement control and be destroyed on-site by the Postal Inspector upon completion of review.

For any questions or comments please contact the Postal Inspector or NCMEC staff per the information below.

U.S. Postal Inspector Liaison
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
(703) 837-8317
postalinspector@ncmec.org

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
Child Victim Identification Program
(877) 446-2632, ext. 6705
cvip@ncmec.org

Newly Identified Victim



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Submission Requirements for Newly Identified Victims

If a case leads to the identification of a child seen in sexually exploitative images and/or videos, it is crucial that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is notified for two important reasons. First, NCMEC maintains law enforcement point of contacts for identified children seen in such images. This information will be used to assist law enforcement agencies and prosecutors with determining if submitted images contain children who have been identified in past investigations. Second, NCMEC analysts are continually working with law enforcement to identify children in these files who may still be at risk. Knowing the child in your case is identified allows efforts to be focused on the at-risk children.

The information you provide on cases resulting in identified children seen in sexually exploitative images and/or videos will be included in NCMEC's Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP). Once processed by NCMEC, all case information will be transferred to the appropriate federal law enforcement agent at NCMEC. Those federal law enforcement partners will retain your submission unless you request it be returned to you. Certain case information may be submitted to Interpol's database in an effort to assist international police agencies. Please contact CVIP with any questions regarding this information transfer.

"Does my case qualify?" NCMEC's system is not based on arrests, convictions or sentences. There may be cases of self-production, unknown offenders, and other instances where the juvenile is identified but no charges have been filed. NCMEC asks that cases meet three requirements:

- law enforcement has seen/seized sexually exploitative images/videos of the child(ren)
- the images/videos qualify as "sexually exploitative" in the jurisdiction's court; and
- there is a law enforcement officer who has met the child and can serve as a point of contact for that series

If your agency has a case meeting these criteria, we would appreciate your assistance by providing us with the items and information below. Template submission forms are available for your use if you prefer. Please provide:

- Digital copies of the pornographic images of the known child (do not send originals)
- Name of investigating agency and case number
- Specific contact information of the *primary* investigating law enforcement officer or agent who met the child and the preferred method of contact (email, telephone, mailing address, etc.). In addition, *alternate* points of contact (POCs) who are qualified and willing to serve as a point of contact for that series may be listed. The contact information for the alternate POCs will be listed in the Child Identification Reports along with primary POC. Finally, you may provide *secondary* POCs who serve as back-ups to the primary POC (meaning only in cases where the primary is unreachable should the secondary be contacted). The contact information for the secondary POCs will not be listed in the Child Identification Reports.

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WASHINGTON DC 20260-3800
FAC: 202-358-6550

- Suspect's name and relationship to child
- Suspect's photo if available
- Email addresses and screen names of the suspect, as NCMEC may have relevant CyberTipline reports to the case
- If any of the hash values from this case were run through NCMEC's Law Enforcement Services Portal, please list the case reference for that report
- Information regarding possible image distribution
- Age range of the child when the images were produced
- Date range of when images were produced
- Approximate number of images in series
- Media format of series (i.e. digital images, videotapes, Polaroid)
- Additional case information

**Note: Please do not include the names of children or the names of juvenile offenders. For their privacy and protection, we do not include names of minors in the CVIP systems.

The following information is requested and will be used for internal records only:

- Date of birth of child
- Ethnicity of child(ren) and suspect(s)

Please see formatting guidelines as detailed in "Submitting Images to be Reviewed for Identified Children". In addition, within the media submission please list each child separately and which files denote the identified child(ren).

Federal law enforcement partner agencies¹ should submit their cases via their agency's liaison at NCMEC. Local, state, and other federal law enforcement agencies should send their packages via U.S. MAIL ONLY to U.S. Postal Inspector Liaison, **USPIS/NCMEC**, Post Office Box 320401, Alexandria, VA 22320-4401. Images should be sent via Express, Certified or Registered mail, based on the requirements of your agency. If necessary, you may request the assistance of your local Postal Inspector to assist with the mailing. Once received by the Postal Inspector at NCMEC, the case will be assigned a Technical Assistance Request number and you will be notified via email that your case has been received. Please contact NCMEC if you have not received the notification after two weeks.

For questions, please contact:

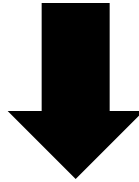
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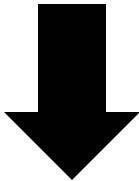
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Process of Elimination

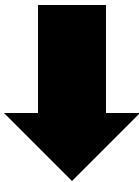
All Files of Child Sexual Exploitation



Identified Children



Active Investigations



Unidentified Children

Individualized Report

Child Identification Report

The following does not constitute verification of the identity of the child. It is the responsibility of the investigator/prosecutor to contact the listed law enforcement agency for verification of image and age verification of the child.

NCMEC Request #: 67480
Series: Vicky

Please note this series has two points of contact (POC) who are willing to assist you in verifying and identifying the child victim(s). Please feel free to contact either POC listed on this page for assistance. CVIP asks that you reach out to only one contact in order to avoid a duplication of efforts by the series POCs.

Primary Contact

Agency: Richland Police Department
Investigator: [\[Redacted\]](#)
Phone: [\[Redacted\]](#)
State: WA
Country: United States
Email: [\[Redacted\]](#)
Preferred Method of Contact: Email

Alternate Contact

Agency: DHS Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Investigator: [\[Redacted\]](#)
Phone: [\[Redacted\]](#)
State: WA
Country: United States
Email: [\[Redacted\]](#)
Preferred Method of Contact: Email

Victim Impact Statement:

*NCMEC was informed that there is a Victim Impact Statement on file for this series. Contact the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) for further details at 202-514-5780. Please note that some series contain multiple children, not all children may have statements on file. Consult the series point of contact to ensure you receive the appropriate victim impact statement for the child in question.

Files found:

757271.jpg
757281.jpg

- Available to law enforcement officers and prosecutors only
- Direct access to various resources of Exploited Children Division
- ‘Hash Search’ allows users to compare hash values to those stored in the Child Recognition & Identification System
- More features coming soon



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PORTAL



You are attempting to access the Law Enforcement Services Portal.
Authorized Law Enforcement Officials Only.

If you forgot your password or experience problems logging in,
please email lesp@ncmec.org.

User Name:

Password:

[» Password Policy](#)

<https://lesp.cybertip.org>

Access to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Law Enforcement Services Portal is restricted to authorized users. Current users may login by entering their username and password and clicking the "Log In" button.

Those wishing to access the Law Enforcement Services Portal must submit an application that can be accessed by clicking on the "Register" button below. Please be advised that access to the Law Enforcement Services Portal is restricted to active law enforcement and prosecutors only:

If you have reached this page accidentally, please click

- Currently 2,190+ authorized users
- 19.7+ million hash values compared by law enforcement
- Average # of hash values per report: 764
- Generated 25,000+ LESP Reports
 - 44% contain at least one identified child*

*As of February 2014

Welcome

Hash Search

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HASH SEARCH

Law enforcement can use the Hash Search function to compare MD5 or SHA1 hash values calculated from suspected child pornography images and videos with hash values stored in the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Child Recognition and Identification System (CRIS). The Hash Search tool assists law enforcement officers and prosecutors to perform an initial assessment during child pornography investigations.

Once the hash values are submitted to LESP, a report is generated which categorizes submitted hashes as follows:

- **Identified Child**

These exact hash values are associated with an image/video which appears to depict at least one (1) child previously identified by law enforcement. Please be advised that these hash values may be associated with apparent child pornography images/videos as well as files that do not contain apparent child pornography.

- **Recognized Hash Values**

These exact hash values are associated with files previously submitted to NCMEC's Child Recognition and Identification System. However, NCMEC has no additional information regarding these files, which may or may not contain apparent child pornography or depict identified children. As a result, these hash values will not be listed in the pdf version of the NCMEC Initial Hash Value Comparison Report.

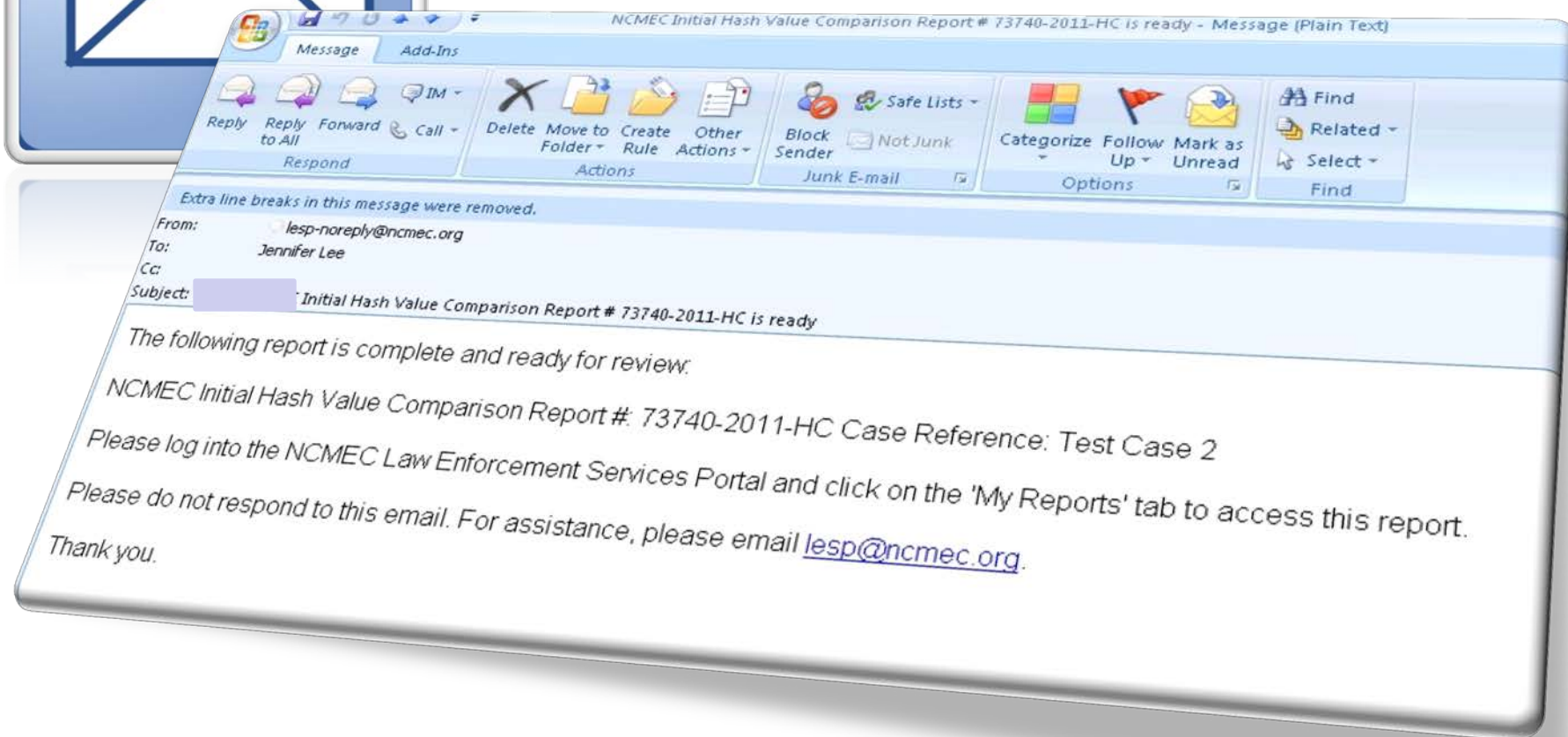
- **Unrecognized Hash Values**

These exact hash values are associated with images/videos that have not yet been submitted to NCMEC's Child Recognition and Identification System.

The report generated by the LESP will not provide specific series information. In order to receive a complete Child Identification Report, NCMEC asks that you submit copies of suspected images/videos to the federal liaisons assigned to NCMEC. By submitting your cases to NCMEC, you are also assisting with efforts to identify children still at risk. (For submission instructions, please email: cvip@ncmec.org)

Proceed

When a Report is Ready



MY REPORTS

To access your National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Initial Hash Value Comparison Report, please enter the report number, or the case reference for the report, or search by the report status. You may also retrieve reports by the date the report was submitted or by the date the report was completed. Please note that Adobe Acrobat is required to view the pdf reports.

Report # Case Reference Report Status

Date Submitted Date Completed From To

Search

Report # ↑↓	Date Submitted ↑↓	Date Completed ↑↓	Case Reference ↑↓	Report File
21-2011-HC	02/17/2011 14:17:32 EST	02/17/2011 14:20:36 EST	LESP Demo 2	» PDF » CSV
20-2011-HC	02/17/2011 14:10:58 EST	02/17/2011 14:13:45 EST	LESP Demo	» PDF » CSV
19-2011-HC	02/17/2011 14:08:33 EST	02/17/2011 14:10:47 EST	LESP Demo	» PDF » CSV

Law Enforcement Services Portal
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
Initial Hash Value Comparison Report: 21-2011-HC

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) was established in 1984 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. NCMEC provides services nationwide for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered, and sexually exploited children. Pursuant to its mission and its congressional authorization (see 42 U.S.C. § 5773), NCMEC operates the CyberTipline and the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) to assist law enforcement in identifying victims of child pornography and child sexual exploitation and works with law enforcement, Internet service providers, electronic payment service providers, and others to reduce the distribution of child sexual exploitation images and videos over the Internet. NCMEC does not investigate and cannot verify the accuracy of the information reported to NCMEC. NCMEC forwards reports of child sexual exploitation to law enforcement for purposes of investigation and disposition.

Report ID: 21-2011-HC

Date Processed: February 17, 2011

Submitting User: Jennifer Lee

Submitting Agency: NCMEC

Case Reference: LESP Demo 2

Number of Hashes Submitted: 328

Results Summary:

Identified Child: 49

Recognized Hash Values: 245

Unrecognized Hash Values: 34

This report is being provided for initial investigative purposes only. In order to receive a complete Child Identification Report, listing the identified series, law enforcement point of contact, and victim notification information, please submit all image and video files to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Child Victim Identification Program by contacting cvip@ncmec.org.

DEFINITIONS

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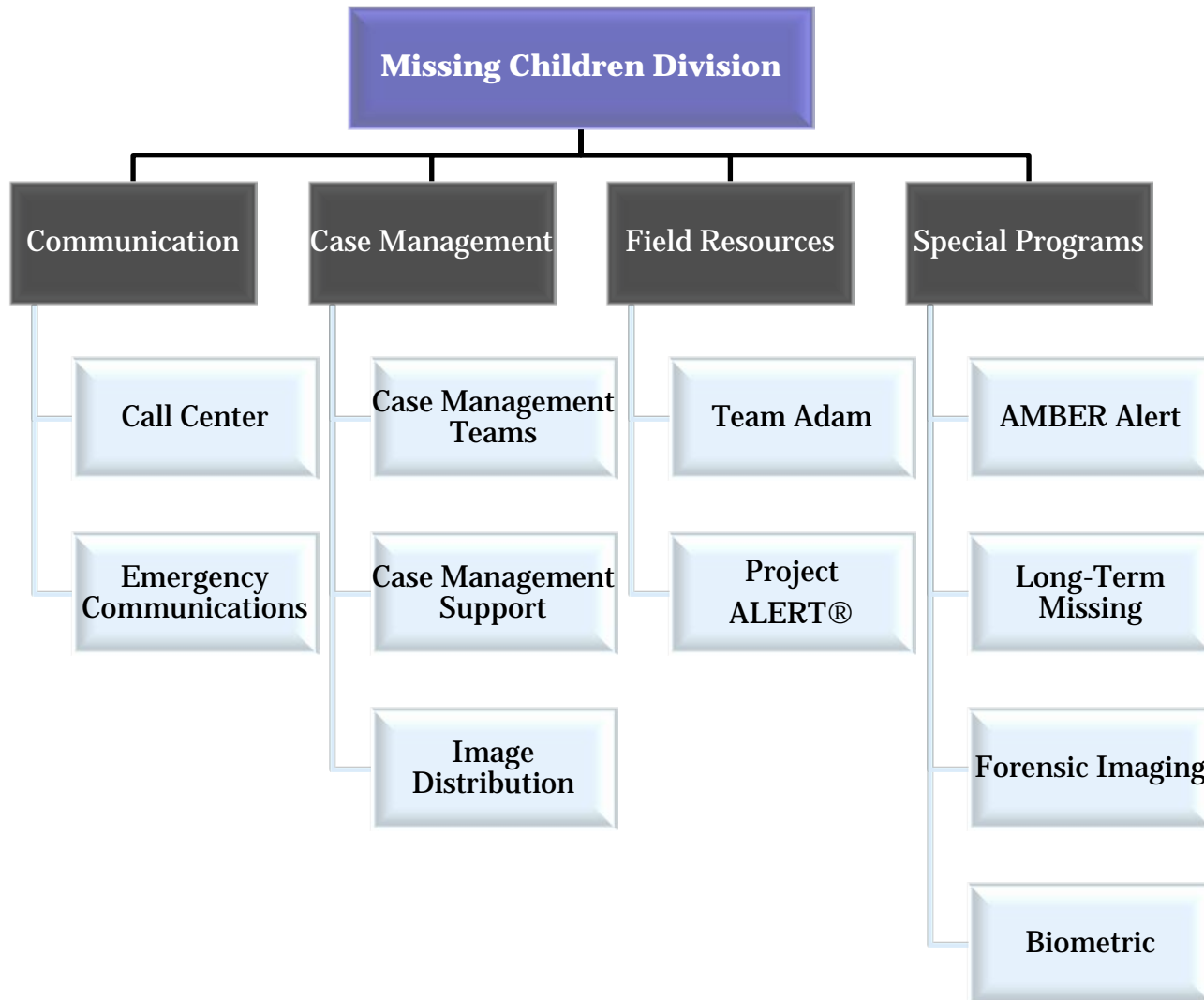
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Unrecognized Hash Values: These exact hash values are associated with images/videos that have not yet been submitted to NCMEC's Child Recognition and Identification System.

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Missing Children Division Resources



Who Is a Missing Child?

A missing **child** is a person younger than 18 whose whereabouts are unknown to their legal guardian. (As defined under federal law 42 U.S.C. § 5772)

NCMEC classifies our cases into five types managed by two different units:

Critical and Runaway Unit or CRU

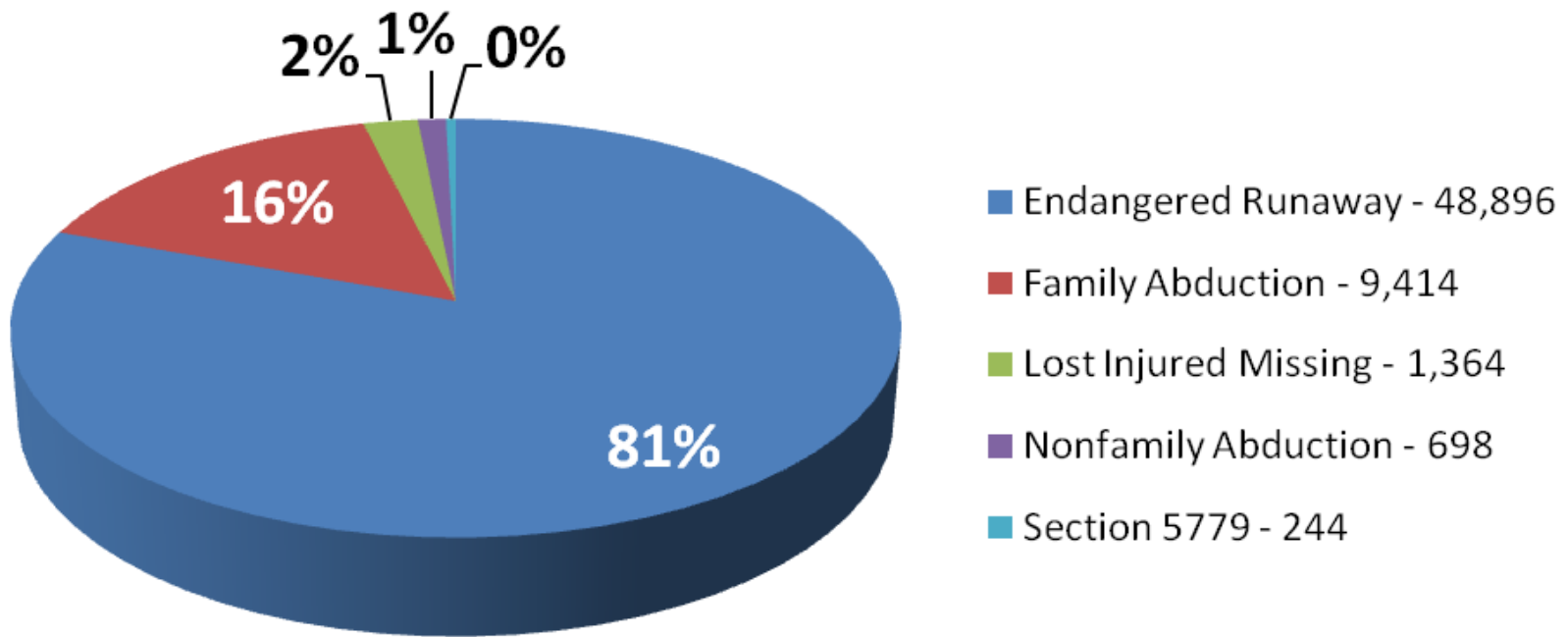
- Nonfamily Abductions or NFA
- Endangered Runaway or ERU
- Lost, Injured or otherwise Missing or LIM
- 5779

Family Abduction Unit or FAU

- Family Abductions or FA

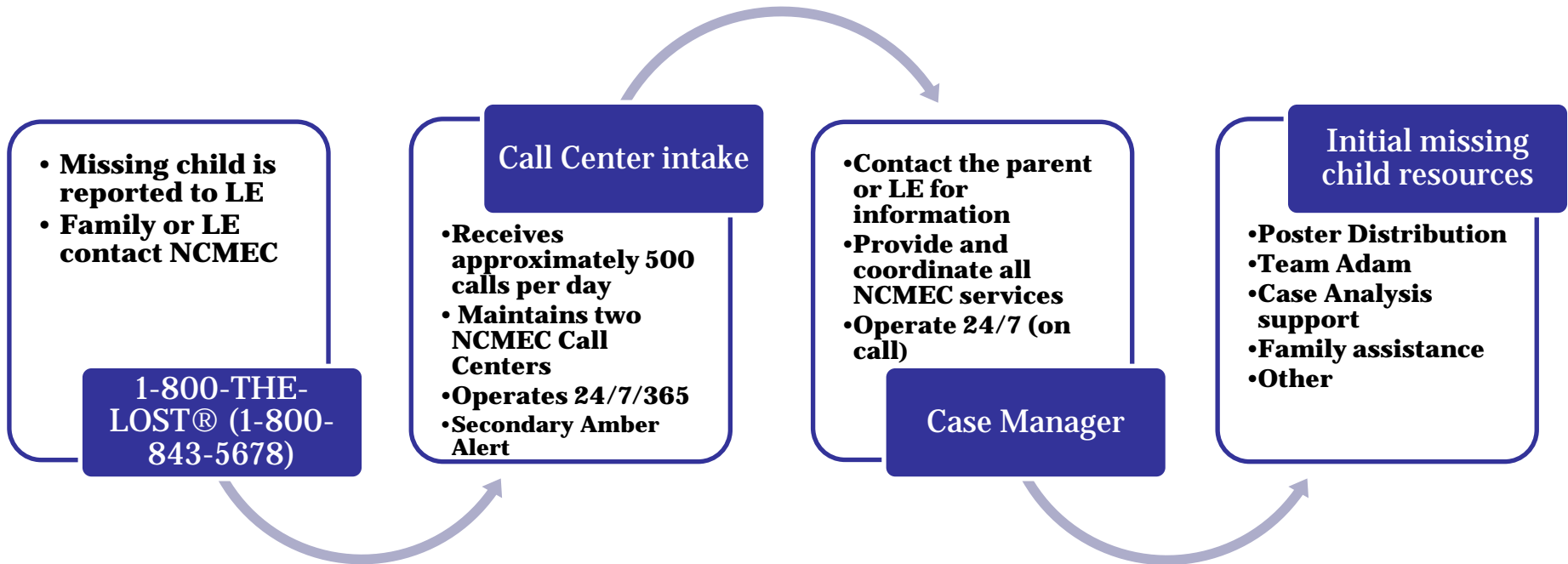
Missing Child Caseload

2008 - 2012 Intakes by Case Type



N = 60,616

Initial Information Flow



- **Critical Runaway Unit and Family Abduction Unit are staffed with case management teams**
- **Teams are comprised of a case manager and assistant case manager:**
 - They utilize and coordinate all NCMEC resources
- **Each unit has a case manager on call 24/7/365**
- **Case management teams:**
 - Provide support, technical assistance and resources to:
 - families
 - law enforcement officials

Team Adam provides rapid, on-site technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and families in serious cases of missing children

Team Adam consultants are retired law enforcement professionals with years of investigative experience at the federal, state and local levels

- Technical assistance to local & state law enforcement**
- Assists the victim's family**
- Provides access to NCMEC's extensive resources**

Team of approximately 170 retired and experienced local, state & federal law enforcement professionals

- Provide technical assistance in long term missing children investigations
- Facilitate collection of biometric and critical information on missing and unidentified children
- provides outreach to law enforcement & community

“Despite all the wonderful advances in technology, photographs remain the single most powerful tool for safely recovering children.”

— *John Ryan, NCMEC CEO*



PHOTO DISTRIBUTION

Photo Distribution

- Valassis/RedPlum – reaching 100 million households each week across multi-media channels
- Walmart – features posters in over 4,600 stores (U.S.)
- Check ‘n Go – features posters in their stores (U.S.)
- Emcor – features posters on their company vehicles
- NDN – features posters on numerous news internet sites
- Additionally, NCMEC initiates the distribution of the posters through the following internal programs:
 - Via broadcast fax
 - Via LOCATOR® program
 - Via NCMEC’s Facebook page
 - Via Mohawk Valley

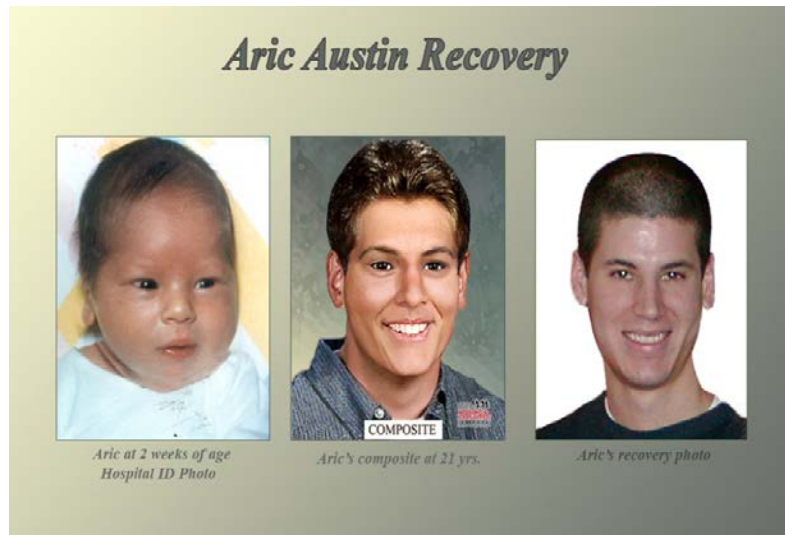
- NCMEC receives the AMBER Alert from the activating agency / State
 - The State also activates their “Primary Distribution”
- NCMEC re-disseminates the AMBER Alert under the direction of the investigative agency and the AMBER Coordinator
 - This process is called “Secondary Distribution”



- Long-Term Missing Team
- Forensic Imaging Team
- Biometrics Team
 - Unidentified Victim Identification Program

- Forensic Case Managers review long-term missing and child abduction homicides
- To provide support to law enforcement by providing strategies and resources to ensure “no stone is left unturned”
- Project ALERT works closely with Forensic Case Managers as a field resource

Forensic Imaging Team Age Progression Timeline

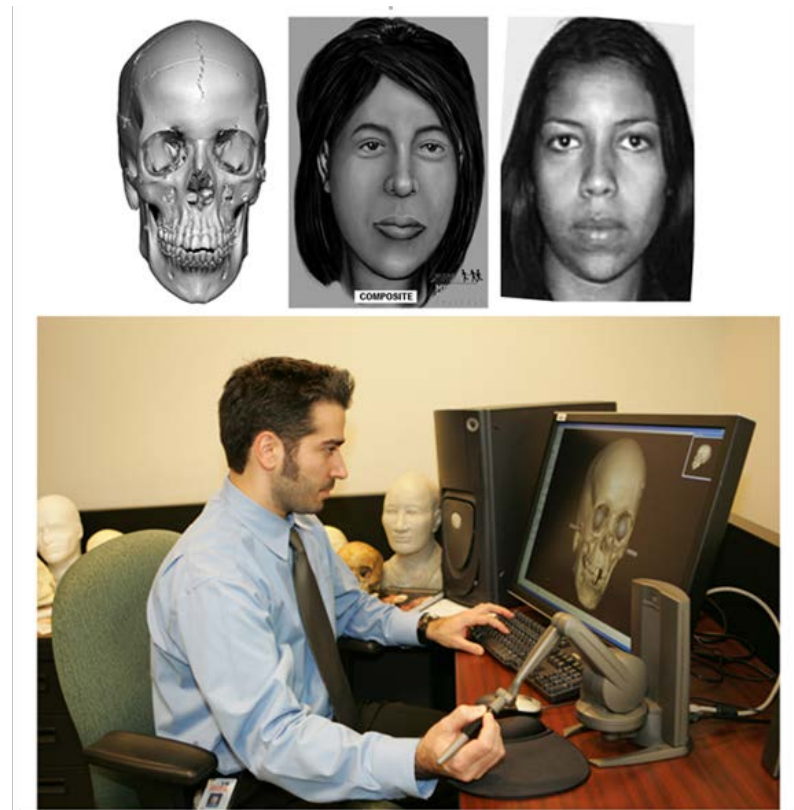


- Each Age Progression takes a Forensic Artist around eight (8) hours to complete

- Under 18:
 - Every two (2) years
- 18 and older:
 - Every five (5) years



- Forensic Artist assists law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners to create images of unidentified children
- Those images can be presented to the public for identification
 - Skeletal Reconstruction
 - Soft Tissue Reconstruction



To support law enforcement and medical examiners/coroners in the identification of unknown children (deceased and living) through the collection and sharing of enhanced biometrics in National Databases

- NCMEC is currently assisting with more than 650 cases involving unknown children from across the nation



- **National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)**
 - National centralized repository and resource center for missing and unidentified persons' records
 - Free online system that can be searched by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the general public from all over the country in hopes of resolving these cases
 - Funded by the National Institute of Justice and administered by the University of North Texas Health Science Center
 - NCMEC coordinates directly with NamUs in the entry, management and gathering of data for missing and unidentified juvenile cases
 - NCMEC personnel are listed as contacts on missing juvenile entries and work closely with law enforcement agencies and families to update these records. A main focus is to enhance these profiles by facilitating the collection of biometric data.

- Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act enacted in 2006
- National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLEC) established within NCMEC to facilitate the expeditious identification and reunification of children with their families:
 - Activated in response to a specific disaster or emergency
 - Redundancy built-in to expand or relocate call center operations, if required
 - Project ALERT® volunteers would activate to support operations





Case Analysis Division Resources

NCMEC created the Child Sex Trafficking Team, known as CSTT, in the fourth quarter of 2011:

- **Coordinated approach to analytical support for any requests/reports involving child sex trafficking**
- **Consolidated analytical reports – missing and sexually exploited combined**

Child Sex Trafficking Team

- CyberTipline reports regarding possible child sex trafficking are received and referred to LE for independent analysis and investigation
- Indicators of victimization are used to identify child victims during case reviews
- LE is provided with biographical reports about individuals who appear to be involved in child sex trafficking
- Children who appear in images within ads are compared to missing children intaked at NCMEC
- Support, via analysis, is provided at law enforcement's requests in nationwide actions such as "Operation Cross Country"

Sex Offender Tracking Team (SOTT)

- Created in 2006
- Provides assistance to LE in their efforts to locate and apprehend non-compliant convicted sex offenders
- SOTT uses public record databases, online open source sites and other internal and external systems
- Examines data regarding attempted abductions, online child sexual exploitation and child abductions for potential links with noncompliant sex offenders.



- Assist LE in their efforts to identify missing children or child victims of sex trafficking and noncompliant sex offenders who are trying to hide their identity
- Provide historical information including possible associates, Internet profiles, addresses, telephones
- Search NCMEC's missing child database using multiple types of criteria:
 - Name/alias/DOB/age range/SSN
 - Physical descriptors of child or abductor/pimp/offender
 - Location child last seen/vehicles used
 - Scars/marks/tattoos
- Search social networking sites and online advertisements

Search for:

- **Addresses and telephone numbers**
- **Alias names, DOBs, Social Security numbers**
- **Relatives, associates and business partners**
- **Businesses, employment, tax liens and judgments**
- **Vehicles, property, licenses and voter registration**
- **Create a “watch list” for suspects/children**
- **Batch process large amounts of data**



Case Analysis Division

Request for Information and Analysis

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) is a national clearinghouse that gathers information about missing and exploited children cases for law-enforcement use. NCMEC collected, but did not investigate, the information contained in this report pursuant to its Congressional mandate to act as a national clearinghouse. NCMEC provides all information it collects pursuant to its Congressional mandate to an appropriate law-enforcement agency for investigation and disposition and does not vouch for the accuracy of any information provided herein.

NCMEC Case Information

Request #:	Request Type: Internal RFI	Date Requested:
NCMEC Case #: 0	Child Last Name:	Priority: Routine

Executive Summary

Author: **Date:**

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Disclaimer: This report may contain information obtained from public records and commercially available data sources that might be erroneous. Users of this report should attempt to update and verify the information before taking any enforcement action.

INNOCENCE LOST NATIONAL INITIATIVE - BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT:

The following report contains searches conducted on, XXXX, a suspect in child prostitution cases. The Case Analysis Unit was provided with the suspect's name and date of birth for further research. Using this information to search for the suspect I was able to locate his address history, utility information, civil history, and a list of relatives and associates.

In addition, I was able to locate two phone numbers associated to his most recent address and attached to his utility records. The phone numbers are subscribed to XXXX and XXXX. Additional searches in Craigslist Phone Finder produced negative results.

I was also able to locate his employment history, including a Corporate Affiliation to Associates, Inc and/or Life, Inc. The business is linked to the suspect's last known address and phone number. Executive contact is XXXX. Searches in Google Internet for the Associates, Inc and/or Inc provided no additional information on the type of business; however I was able to locate a MySpace profile to which returns a profile for a 44 year old male in New York.

Criminal history searches provided several results dating from 1986 to 2009, including his most recent, Driving Support from PROSTITUTION / Direct or Transport any Person to Any Place. Also listed are Crim Sale Contr Substance 5th and rim Poss Weap 3rd Sub 4-8 VFO.

Searches in the NCMEC Database, FBI's Innocence Lost Database, TECS, and NCIC/Wanted Files provided negative results. Additional searches in Social Networking Sites and Google Internet provided no additional Social Networking profiles other than what was previously stated. However, I was able to locate one article mentioning the suspect's arrest in Jacksonville, FL for bringing a Canadian woman to Jacksonville and forcing her into prostitution.

Lastly, the suspect was submitted for an NCIC Offline which produced 63 results, including hits from FL, GA, NY, and NJ.

Please note that Ill has not been queried on this individual. It is recommended to law enforcement that they run a Ill search for a comprehensive list of criminal offenses if any should exist.

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Example Report



Office of Legal Counsel

- NCMEC provides legal technical assistance to law enforcement, prosecutors, civil attorneys, families and other professionals
 - Case specific legal, educational, technical and related research and analysis
 - Affidavits, sentencing letters and other trial related materials
 - Analysis of NCMEC reports
 - Resources to attorneys representing victims of child pornography
 - Presentations and trainings regarding the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child sexual exploitation
 - Amicus briefs

- Gather and produce information contained in NCMEC databases concerning specific individuals, children, internet profiles and companies
- Exploited Children Division
 - CyberTipline reports
 - Child Identification reports
 - Distribution and Seen Before reports
 - Image Analysis and other technical assistance reports
- Missing Children Division
 - Case summaries
 - Intake, lead and recovery reports
 - Posters

- NCMEC reports designed to be a “pointer system”
- Assist law enforcement in developing investigative leads
- Contain information sent from 3rd parties and supplemental information added by NCMEC staff
 - Public source information
 - Historical searches
- Not designed to be relied upon for the truth of the matter asserted
- Need to independently verify the information from the originating source
 - ESPs
 - Reporting person
 - Victim

- **Business records affidavit**
- **Stipulation**
- **Not for the truth of the matter asserted but rather investigative lead**
 - Similar to an informant tip
- **NCMEC witness**
 - Analysts process hundreds of reports and image reviews
 - Reports contain hearsay from other agencies and parties
- **Potential suppression issues**

- Issues that NCMEC is specially situated to comment on given our mission
- Recently filed briefs in 4 cases:
 - Lozano v. Alvarez, 2014 U.S. LEXIS 1786
 - Hague Convention’s one-year “deadline” can not be tolled or extended, even in cases where the child has been concealed by an abductor or the child could not otherwise be located until more than a year after the abduction.
 - Chafin v. Chafin, 133 S. Ct. 1017 (2013)
 - Court order under Hague Convention to return abducted child to foreign country of their habitual residence does not render appeal of that order moot
 - Amy, the Victim in the “Misty” Child Pornography Series v. Monzel, Case No. 11-85
 - Brief supporting Petition for Writ of Cert concerning restitution for child pornography victims
 - Paroline v. United States, 2014 U.S. LEXIS 2936
 - Court held that offender possessing child pornography must pay restitution to the identified victim. The amount must be more than trivial but the defendant is not responsible for the total harm suffered.



Other Resources

- **Crisis intervention**
- **Network of social work and counseling services**
- **Service coordination for ongoing therapeutic needs**
- **Reunification assistance**
- **Safeguard**

Team HOPE – Volunteer Parents & Family Members



- **NetSmartz Workshop**
- **NetSmartz411**
- **Take 25 Campaign**
- **Child ID**
- **Disaster preparedness**
- **Infant Abduction prevention**
- **Publications**

Fact Sheets and Prevention Guides

Preventing the Sexual Exploitation of Children

The words sexual exploitation evoke a number of reactions and feelings. Perhaps one of the most devastating is silence — our inability or unwillingness as a society to speak about this heinous problem. This silence may impact a child who has been sexually exploited. Children may be frightened or intimidated into not talking. They may feel they won't be believed or what happened is their fault. All of these feelings may cause them to hide their pain.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) is working to bring sexual exploitation to the forefront, raise awareness about this issue, and help combat its negative long-term effects. NCMEC wants to help families and communities support the countless child victims who come forward so they may begin to heal and make more people aware of the problem so other children don't have to suffer in silence.

NCMEC wants people to have the sexual exploitation of our child made in multiple victims within their child's family and the efforts may extend the matter to our community. Often people feel powerless to fight its conditions unless because the problem seems too large and overwhelming. People may not want to confront the issue of who the perpetrator might be. They may not want to believe it could be a person as a portion of trust or responsibility living in their own community.

But there are steps that need to be taken. What steps they could lead to a reduction in the incidence of sexual exploitation, an empowerment to have we protect our children from this concept, and trying and support for those children who have suffered at the hands of offenders. It's all about empowerment and giving children, parents, providers, and communities the strength to overcome what they have lost, so they may live healthier and more productive lives.

What Families May Do

- Listen to your children. Pay attention if they tell you they don't want to be with someone or go somewhere.
- Take the time to talk with your children. Encourage open communication and learn how to be an active listener.
- Notice when someone shows care in all of your children a great deal of attention or begins giving them gifts. Talk to your children about the person and find out why that person is acting in this way.
- Teach your children they have the right to say NO to any touch or action by others that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused and to get out of those situations as quickly as possible. If avoidance is not an option, teach your children to talk, scream, and run. When in such a situation, teach them to loudly yell, "This person is not my father/mother/guardian," and immediately tell you or another trusted adult. Reassure them you're there to help and in NO way tell you anything.
- Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behavior or attitude. Encourage open communication, and learn how to be an active listener.
- Look out for signs to small you and others indicating something may be troubling your children because children are not always comfortable discussing disturbing events or feelings. Some children may not be able to tell because they have been told — by a child abuser or exploiter — bad things will happen if they tell what has occurred. Some children may be forced into activity they don't feel comfortable to be inappropriate and so don't know how to talk. Children may be especially fearful of being punished, being embarrassed, or embarrassing the love of life love and respect of their family members and friends.
- If your children do confide in you about problems they may be having, strive to remain calm, nonjudgmental, and empathetic. Listen compassionately to their concerns, and work with them to get the help they need to resolve the problem.
- Be sure to screen babysitters and caregivers. Most jurisdictions have a public registry. Access to and available information about criminal offenders and records varies. Visit www.ncmecc.gov, your jurisdiction's registry, or your local law enforcement agency for specific criteria. Check references with other families who have used the caregiver or babysitter. Once you have chosen the caregiver, stay as unobservant to see how your children are doing. Ask your children how the experience with the caregiver was, and carefully listen to the responses.
- Provide oversight and supervision of your children's use of computers and the Internet. Know who they're communicating with online and where they may have access to the Internet. Establish rules and guidelines for computer and Internet use for your children.
- Be involved in your children's activities. As an active participant you'll have a better opportunity to observe how the adults in charge interact with your children. If you are concerned about anyone's behavior, discuss your concerns with the sponsoring organization.



Prevención de la explotación sexual de menores

Las palabras explotación sexual evocan una cantidad de reacciones y sentimientos. Quizás una de las más devastadoras es el silencio, muestra incapacidad o falta de disposición como sociedad a hablar de este problema horrendo. Ese mismo silencio también puede tener un impacto en un menor que ha sido explotado sexualmente. Los niños pueden sentirse aterrados o intimidados para contar lo que les pasó. Pueden sentir que no les creerán o que lo ocurrido fue por culpa de ellos. Todos estos sentimientos pueden hacer que oculten su dolor.

El Centro Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos y Explotados® (NCMEC) está trabajando para llamar la atención acerca del problema de la explotación sexual, crear conciencia con respecto al mismo y ayudar a combatir sus efectos negativos a largo plazo. Deseamos ayudar a las familias y comunidades a apoyar a las valientes víctimas infantiles que denuncian lo que les ocurrió a fin de que puedan comenzar su curación. Y deseamos hacer que más gente conozca el problema a fin de que otros niños no tengan que sufrir en silencio.

Queremos que la gente sepa que la explotación sexual de una niña o de un niño tiene muchas víctimas y que sus efectos se pueden extender como tentáculos dentro de la comunidad. Con frecuencia la gente se siente impotente para luchar contra su naturaleza insidiosa porque el problema parece ser demasiado grande y abrumador. O no queremos confrontar el hecho de que quien podría ser el abusador. No queremos creer que pueda ser una persona en una posición de confianza o de responsabilidad que vive en nuestro propio vecindario.

Pero hay medidas que deben tomarse. Cuando se las toma, podrían conducir a una reducción de la incidencia de la explotación sexual, una mejora en la manera en que protegemos a nuestros niños de este flagelo, y al cuidado y apoyo a los niños que han sufrido en manos de estos predadores. Se trata de habilitar y de dar a los niños, padres y comunidades la fuerza para recuperar lo que han perdido, a fin de que puedan tener vidas saludables y productivas.

Lo que pueden hacer los padres

- Escuche a sus hijos. Preste atención si le dicen que no quieren estar con alguien o ir a alguna parte.
- Hágase tiempo para hablar con sus hijos. Fomente la comunicación abierta y aprenda a ser un oyente atento.
- Dese cuenta cuando alguien preste demasiada atención a uno o todos sus hijos o comience a darles regalos.
- Enseñe a sus hijos que tienen el derecho a negarse a que los toquen y de decir NO a cualesquiera acciones de otros que no les gustan, los hagan sentir incómodos o les causen confusión. Enséñeles a que le cuenten inmediatamente a usted cuando algo así ocurra. Asegúreles que usted los va a ayudar y que está bien que le cuenten cualquier cosa.
- Sea sensible a cualquier cambio en el comportamiento o actitud de su hija o hijo.
- Mire y escuche en busca de pequeños indicios de algo que pueda estar preocupando a sus hijos, porque los niños no siempre se sienten cómodos revelando situaciones o sentimientos que los perturban.
- Si su hija o hijo no le confían sus problemas, esfuerce por mantener la calma, sin hacer críticas o dar opiniones. Escuche sus preocupaciones con compasión y trabaje con ellos para conseguir la ayuda que necesitan para resolver el problema.
- Asegúrese de verificar los antecedentes de las niñeras y cuidadores infantiles. Muchos estados tienen ahora un registro público que permite a los padres verificar los antecedentes de individuos con registros penales y de delitos sexuales previos. Compruebe las referencias con otras familias que han usado los servicios de la niñera o del cuidador infantil. Una vez que ha escogido al cuidador, haga visitas inesperadas para ver cómo anda su hija o hijo. Pregunte a sus hijos cómo fue su experiencia con el cuidador, y escuche atentamente lo que le responden.
- Vigile y supervise el uso de la computadora por sus hijos. Sepa con quienes se están comunicando en línea y donde pueden tener acceso a computadoras. Establezca reglas y pautas para el uso de la computadora por sus hijos.
- Participe en las actividades de sus hijos. Como participante activo tendrá una oportunidad mejor de observar cómo los adultos encargados interactúan con sus hijos.
- Trabaje con la escuela de su hija o hijo para instituir programas sólidos de seguridad infantil como parte de su sistema.
- Practique destrezas básicas de seguridad con sus hijos y hable abierta y honestamente de su seguridad. Nada sustituye su atención y vigilancia. Estar disponible y dedicar tiempo a conocer y oír realmente a sus hijos le ayuda a crear sentimientos de seguridad.



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- **NCMEC University Online**
 - Missing Children Dynamics and Response
 - Missing Children Clearinghouse
 - Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking Awareness and Response
- **Missing Children Seminar for Chief Executives**
- **Forensic Imaging**
- **Resource DVDs**

Any Questions?





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