



NCMEC in Communities



Communities work hard to keep their children safe, but sometimes they can use a helping hand. Since 1984 the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children®, known as NCMEC, has been the nation’s leading nonprofit organization partnering with communities to address missing and sexually exploited children’s issues.

Our work includes helping communities

RAISE AWARENESS



through educational outreach

SUPPORT VICTIMS



by connecting families with support services

LEARN THE ISSUES



by providing free, educational resources

And that is only the beginning. NCMEC has made it a priority to ensure that all communities have the right tools to safeguard their children.

Get informed

The most recent, comprehensive national study for the number of missing children estimated in 1999: ¹

Approximately **800,000** children younger than 18 were reported missing.

More than **200,000** children were abducted by family members.

More than **58,000** children were abducted by non family members.

An estimated **115** children were the victims of “stereotypical” kidnapping. These “stereotypical” kidnappings involved someone the child did not know or was an acquaintance. The child was held overnight, transported 50 miles or more, killed, ransomed or held with the intent to keep the child permanently.

DID YOU KNOW...



One in six endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in 2014 were likely sex trafficking victims.

¹Andrea Sedalk, David Finkelhor, Heather Hammer, & Dana Schultz. “National Estimates of Missing Children: An Overview” in *National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children*. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, October 2002.



Get the resources



NCMEC provides many resources to help communities recognize, report and respond to child safety risks.

Prevention and Awareness

Online Safety – NetSmartz® Workshop provides videos, games, activities and other resources for children ages 5 to 17 and their trusted adults to help them safely navigate the Internet.

Abduction Prevention – KidSmartz™ educates parents, caregivers and teachers about preventing abduction and empowers kids in grades K-5 to practice safer behaviors using tips, printable activities, quizzes, articles, music, videos and more.

Sexual Exploitation – The Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation provides tools and resources to communities to increase awareness about child sexual exploitation issues such as molestation, online solicitation, child pornography, and human trafficking.

Assistance

Reporting Hotlines – NCMEC receives tips about missing or exploited children through two tip lines: 1-800-THE-LOST®, a toll-free 24-hour telephone hotline, and www.CyberTipline.org®. Communities can use these tip lines to report sightings of missing children or suspicions of child sexual exploitation.

Disaster Response – NCMEC offers two resources to assist communities in the case of an emergency: the Unaccompanied Minors Registry and the National Emergency Child Locator Center. Both services can be used to help reunite children displaced during hurricanes, tornadoes and other disasters.

Support Services

Peer Support – Families with missing or sexually exploited children can often feel isolated. To help families cope, NCMEC established a network of families who have had similar experiences. Trained Team Hope volunteers provide support, friendship, coping skills and compassion to families who have had, or still have, a child who is missing, recovered, or has been sexually exploited.

Professional Referrals – The Family Advocacy Outreach Network helps families obtain therapeutic services from professionals experienced in crisis management. These professionals can provide ongoing therapy to strengthen families as they work through traumatic experiences.

Reunification Assistance – Abduction tears families apart; sometimes they need help getting back together. NCMEC can help families find skilled therapists who are available during every stage of the reunification process, from the first meeting to months afterwards.



For information about how the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® can partner with your community



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