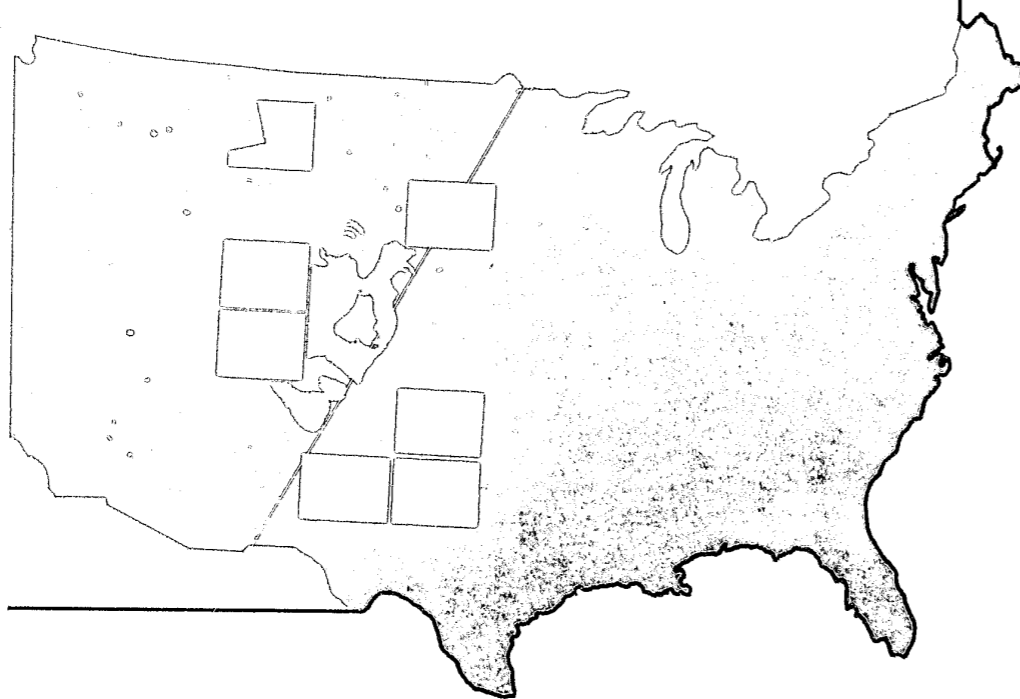




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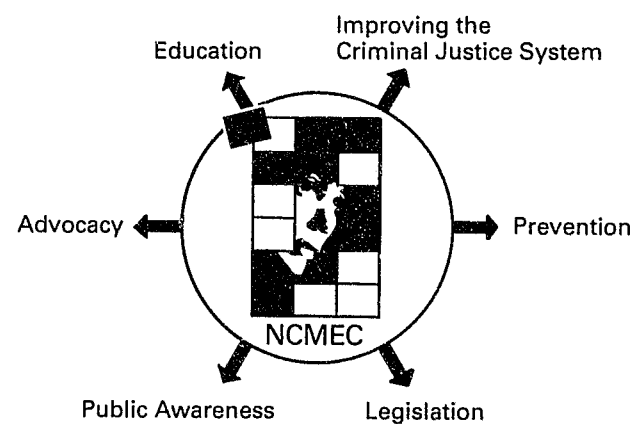
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- provides training assistance to law-enforcement and child protection agencies to develop effective procedures to investigate and prosecute cases of missing and exploited children
- assists individuals, groups, agencies, and state and local governments involved in investigating and prosecuting cases of criminally or sexually exploited children
- provides information and advice on effective state legislation to assure the safety and protection of children
- provides prevention and education programs for parents, schools, action groups, agencies, communities, volunteer organizations, law enforcement, and local, state, and federal institutions
- distributes comprehensive instruction packages to aid communities in protecting children
- organizes networks of information among school systems, school boards, parent-teacher organizations, and community organizations about proven techniques for implementing educational programs
- conducts an outreach program to alert families, communities, the criminal justice system, and concerned organizations about the nature and extent of child victimization and exploitation
- ensures coordination among parents, missing children groups, and the media to distribute photos and descriptions of missing children
- coordinates the exchange of information regarding child exploitation

The Center is a primary resource for assistance and expertise in all these areas:



Toll-free Hotline

The Center maintains a toll-free telephone number for those individuals who have information that could lead to the location and recovery of a missing child. Because these calls can literally be a matter of life or death, we ask that the Hotline number be used by those individuals who have this critical information. If you know the location of a missing child, please call this number:

1-800-843-5678

Information Please

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers a national clearinghouse that collects, compiles, exchanges, and disseminates information. Anyone who is seeking information or who wishes to contribute information about the problem should write to the following address:

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
1835 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Foreword

One of the functions of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is to produce and disseminate information that will be useful to parents, community organizations, and all those concerned with issues relating to missing and exploited children. One problem encountered by groups and individuals has been the lack of a central source of nationwide information. Until now, families simply chanced upon programs that could help them protect their children. This publication has been prepared to help fill that information gap. It describes organizations involved in assisting missing and exploited children and their families and other additional resources families can use.

While we are aware that there are many local grass-roots programs concerned with these issues, we have included only state, regional, and national programs because this Directory is intended for a national audience. Two criteria that an organization must meet to be included are 1) it must be in operation now, not merely planned, and 2) it must be either a nonprofit or a public organization. Readers should be aware that an organization, while nonprofit, may charge a fee for services.

Programs were identified largely through the efforts and contacts of National Center staff members. While this Directory is intended eventually to be a comprehensive listing, this first edition is only partial. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children urges Directory users to send information on additional programs to be included in subsequent editions. This information should be sent to the attention of Marsha Gilmer-Hill, Programs Specialist.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children thanks those individuals and organizations that contributed the information to make this publication possible. We welcome any comments on how this publication can become more useful in future editions.

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Adam Walsh Child Resource Center



Addresses: 1876 North University Drive, Suite 306
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33322
(305) 475-4847

227 South Orlando Avenue
Winter Park, Florida 32789
(305) 629-1811

History: The Adam Walsh Child Resource Center was formed in January 1982 when the Broward County Committee for Child Advocacy joined forces with the Adam Walsh Outreach Center for Missing Children. Child Advocacy had been organized in 1973 by a group of volunteers as a result of the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth. The Adam Walsh Outreach Center for Missing Children had been formed in 1981 by Reve Walsh to assist other parents of missing children. By 1982, Child Advocacy had become involved in the missing children problem and was planning a computerized system for use in South Florida.

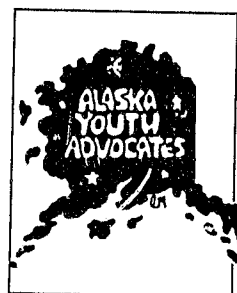
Services: The Center distributes an education program, "Safety with Strangers," that uses slides and audiocassettes and is designed to teach young children how to respond when approached by strangers. The Center conducts fingerprinting programs, using trained volunteers or police personnel to take the fingerprints and to examine them to ensure that they are classifiable prints before the children take them home. The Center is active in legislation development and maintains a list of recommended legislation for states. In the Center's court monitoring program, trained volunteers observe trials of accused child molesters and the sentencing of convicted molesters. The child safety program provides safety tips for parents and children, gives presentations to a variety of organizations, and provides information to the media concerning the issues of missing and molested children. Parents of missing children are provided with information about what they should do in their search for their children. The Center does not refer private investigators and has no investigators on its staff.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge except for the "Safety with Strangers" program.

Personnel: Denny Abbott, Executive Director
Sharon McMorris, Assistant Director
Nancy McBride, Program Coordinator
Carole Murphy, Program Manager

Alaska Youth Advocates



Address: 600 Cordova, Suite 3
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 274-6541 (24 hours)
(907) 563-SAFE (shelter)

History: Alaska Youth Advocates is a private, nonprofit social service agency that was begun in 1972.

Services: Services are available to youths, parents, and anyone involved with or concerned about young people. The following services are confidential, immediate, and without need for appointment: information on current Alaska juvenile laws; emancipation information; short-term crisis counseling for youths and families; family mediation; a message service for runaways and their parents; and referral to other help agencies. Alaska Youth Advocates provides two training programs: "Survival Skills in the Social Jungle," a program to help children and youths develop skills for effective social interaction; and "Family Survival Skills," which helps families to develop communications and problem solving skills for building on family strengths. Two publications are available: "One Nation Under Age," a handbook on Alaska juvenile law; and "Emancipation: An Informal Guide to Making the Right Decision." A runaway shelter operated by Alaska Youth Advocates provides a temporary safe place for runaways eleven to seventeen years of age.

Scope: Alaska.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Sheila A. Gaddis, Executive Director

Child Find



Address: P.O. Box 277
New Paltz, New York 12501
(914) 255-1848

History: Child Find was founded in 1980 by Gloria J. Yerkovich, after her daughter was taken from her by the child's father in 1974. Her inability to locate her child through law-enforcement agencies and the courts led her to form an organization to help the many other parents who were similarly frustrated in their search for their missing children.

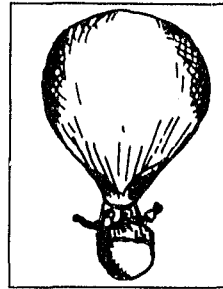
Services: Child Find registers missing children, whether they are runaways or victims of stranger abduction or parental abduction. The program provides counseling for runaways who call on the toll-free line and refers them to appropriate agencies.

Scope: National, with some services abroad.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Gloria J. Yerkovich, Founder
Louis McCagg, Executive Director
Rita LaPorte, Office Manager
Lorretta Owens, Communications
Grace Throneburg, Registrar
Connie Hoffman, Identification Coordinator
Jannette H. Demenkoff, Public Information Coordinator

Child Find-Missouri



Address: P.O. Box 19823
St. Louis, Missouri 63144
(314) 781-8226

History: The organization was established in June 1984 to assist law-enforcement officials in locating missing children.

Services: Child Find-Missouri aids law-enforcement officials by reproducing and distributing posters through a networking system, gaining media attention, and providing support for the family. The program maintains a list of agencies and support groups for referral of cases and advises parents on how legally to regain their children in the case of parental abduction. It provides a youth support group for runaways, potential runaways, and children with problems; presents child safety and awareness programs at concerned organizations; and works toward legislative reform in the area of children's rights.

Scope: Missouri.

Fees: There is a \$3.50 fee for the organization's information packet, and donations are requested for special awareness programs.

Personnel: Beverly Goodlin, Executive Director
Richard T. Groff, Jr., Director, Administration
Sharon Brost, Director, Legislative Reform
Kathleen Brown, Director, Community Relations
Jackie Corey, Director, Public Relations
Bonny J. McNelly, Director, Parental Abductions
Elizabeth Leigh, Director, Youth Counseling

Child Find of Utah

Address: 5755 Hansen Circle
Murray, Utah 84107
(801) 261-4134
(801) 262-8056

History: A fund-raising effort for Child Find in 1982 led to the creation in 1983 of Child Find of Utah. The Utah organization was formed to increase public awareness of the problem and to obtain publicity for missing children.

Services: Program speakers appear at churches, civic organizations, and high schools and on television and radio talk shows. The program provides counseling and referral services to parents of runaway and missing children, distributes fliers of missing children, and has established a victim fund to help families of missing children in Utah.

Scope: Utah.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Maurine J. Walker, Coordinator

Childkeyppers International



Address: P.O. Box 6456
Lake Worth, Florida 33466
(305) 586-6695

History: Childkeyppers International evolved from Childkeyppers of Florida, which was founded in 1983. The project has been extensively involved in prevention and education and provides direct assistance in cases of missing children. Childkeyppers created and developed dental charting and fingerprinting. The program has also developed methods for keeping statistical data on missing children.

Services: Parents are provided with complete assistance in cases of stranger abduction, noncustodial parental kidnapping, and voluntary disappearance. Childkeyppers International provides full education programs, classroom teaching, safety posters, and runaway prevention as well as seminars for organizations. The project staff provides counseling for parents and works with siblings when a child is murdered or missing. Key Connector, a child crisis line, is operated for adolescents in need of help or information. Childkeyppers also operates a 24-hour telephone line and will take collect calls. Legal assistance is provided on an emergency basis, and the program assists law enforcement with statistics, in tracking the dead, and in searching for and recovering missing children.

Scope: International.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Dennis Kunsclman, Executive Director
Jo Ann Currier, Founder and President
Dr. William Peterson, Dental Chairman
Dr. Moshe Adler, Pediatrician
Ernest Winfrey, Audio Education
Dick Ward, Law-Enforcement Coordinator
Jim Hodorowski, Public Awareness
Georg Hudspeth, Labor Liaison
Alejandro Villalobos, Psychiatrist

Children's Rights of America

Address: 2069 Indian Rocks Road, Suite B
Largo, Florida 33544
(813) 584-0888

History: Children's Rights of America, formerly known as Children's Rights of Florida, was begun in 1982 to provide counseling and direct assistance to persons involved in parental kidnapping cases. Its efforts quickly expanded to include stranger abductions and voluntary disappearances. The organization disseminates pictures to the media and provides education and prevention programs to communities nationwide, upon request. The organization is currently staffed by four individuals on a full-time basis, who are supported by a part-time volunteer staff.

Services: The program provides active counseling for parents involved in a missing child or a child abduction case. Referrals are also made for child abuse and exploitation cases. Individualized case assistance for registered parents includes consultation with their attorneys regarding interstate child custody laws, coordination of investigation, and follow-up after recovery of the child. The program actively solicits photographs of missing children for dissemination to the media nationwide and will, upon request, recommend reasonably priced attorneys and investigators from all areas of the country who have an effective record in missing children cases.

Scope: International. The organization has contacts in India, Canada, England, and other countries and continues to expand its outreach.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Kathy Rosenthal, Executive Director
Bernadette Brewster, Deputy Director
Delores Leath, Administrative Director
Thelma Davis, Intake Specialist

Children's Rights of New York

- Address:** 19 Maple Avenue
Stony Brook, New York 11790
(516) 751-7840
- History:** The program was started in 1977 to conduct public education and awareness programs on prevention of cruelty to children; to advocate rights of children in legal proceedings; and to counsel parents whose children are abducted by an ex-spouse or stranger or who have run away.
- Services:** Children's Rights of New York provides advice and referral services to parents involved in child stealing disputes or missing children disputes. The program maintains a list of attorneys, private investigators, and other support groups with expertise in assisting in missing children cases. "Hotline," a newsletter with information on current legislation and activities regarding missing children, is published by program staff and is distributed free to interested parents and agencies.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** John Gill, President
James Tilden, Chairman
Kathleen Roche, Secretary
Douglas Wilke, Treasurer
Carol P. Zimmerman, Counselor

Children's Rights of PA

- Addresses:** P.O. Box 4362
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18105
(215) 437-2971
- Box 270
Dalton, Pennsylvania 18414
(717) 563-2628
- History:** Children's Rights of PA was established in 1983 by Tom Watts and Charlie Blickhahn, whose children had been missing for over a year as a result of a parental kidnapping. The program was instrumental in the recovery of the Blickhahn children; Tom Watts's two children are still missing. The organization has two goals: to work with the families of both stranger and parental abductions and some runaways and to help improve laws relating to missing children at both the state and federal levels.
- Services:** The program offers compassionate support to families of missing children; aids them with referrals to other agencies throughout the country; and works with the media to have the children's pictures shown on television and to have pictures and stories printed in the newspapers. Children's Rights of PA produces and distributes materials on prevention of child snatching, provides speakers for civic organizations, and conducts outreach and public awareness activities, such as displays of pictures of missing children at shopping malls. A 24-hour telephone service is run by program staff.
- Scope:** National and Canada.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Tom Watts, Co-Director
Charlie Blickhahn, Co-Director
Alan Watts, Treasurer
Joan Bingham, Public Relations
Cindy Durfey, School Program Coordinator
Frances Sonne, Legal Advisor
Phyllis Watts, Administrator

Child Save



Address: P.O. Box 271356
Concord, California 94527-1356
(415) 676-SAVE

History: The organization was founded in 1984 by Carl Bartlett, an active California peace officer, to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the public and to educate parents and children in the areas of stranger abduction and its prevention, runaways, and parental abduction.

Services: Staffed by active, retired, and former peace officers, counselors, educators, and business people, Child Save distributes a registration packet, the "Childsaver Kit," that helps parents assemble identifying information on their children. Child Save provides follow-up maintenance service on the kit and photographs, investigative services for missing children, and educational seminars and counseling. Law-enforcement agencies are assisted in a variety of ways upon request.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Carl D. Bartlett, Founder, Chairman of the Board, Vice President
Paul Gray, President
Rena D. Bartlett, Secretary
David B. Elliott, Police Officer
Robert T. Flint, Psychologist
Seth Goldstein, D.A. Investigator
Barbara Gray, Treasurer

Childseekers



Address: P.O. Box 6065
Rutland, Vermont 05701-6065
(802) 773-5988

History: Childseekers began in 1984 when a group of concerned citizens united in an effort to help combat child abduction and exploitation.

Services: Childseekers conducts lectures and seminars on child safety throughout the community, produces newsletters, provides a 48-hour nationwide bulletin for lost children, and makes emergency referrals for families with missing children.

Scope: Vermont and other areas of New England.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Richard Toman, Director
Margie Francescani, Administrative Coordinator
Sharon Ellis, Director, Community Services

Child Watch

Address: P.O. Box 2381
Richmond, Virginia 23218
(804) 346-0191 (24 hours)

History: Child Watch, a nonprofit volunteer organization, was incorporated in May 1984. Its fifteen-member board of directors is made up of concerned citizens and experts in counseling, education, fingerprinting, search and rescue, and other related areas.

Services: Child Watch offers support, including publicity and counseling to parents and families of missing children. Its education and prevention programs distribute information and provide speakers to schools, churches, and civic organizations. Fingerprinting of children is provided with the education program. The education and prevention programs are designed to reach both children and adults and include films and slide presentations as well as Child Safety Days developed by ACTION and the U.S. Department of Justice. Two neighborhood programs developed by Child Watch include a telephone alert system and a Safe Home Program. Child Watch has also developed a retail merchant emergency alert system to prepare security guards and store personnel to react quickly and efficiently in the event that a child is reported missing.

Scope: Virginia.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Sally Crane, Founder and Director

Child W.A.T.C.H.

Address: 606 Mt. Zoar
Elmira, New York 14904
(607) 732-0562

History: The program began in March 1983 when interested citizens, after viewing the television movie *Adam*, formed to begin an awareness program to educate the Elmira community.

Services: Child W.A.T.C.H. (Why Aren't the Children Home?) presents a child safety program of slides, films, and role play for elementary school children, using parent volunteers as teachers. Elementary school children are fingerprinted using an inkless fingerprinting system administered by police officers and parent volunteers. The fingerprinting program is voluntary; parents keep the fingerprint cards. The program also provides child identification portfolios. Child W.A.T.C.H. is also active in public education and legislative advocacy.

Scope: National.

Fees: There is a membership fee of \$1 per month; there is no charge for the program services.

Personnel: Kim Ripley, President
Cherly Chely, Vice President
Lisa Rice, Corresponding Secretary
Nicole Argetsinger, Recording Secretary
Susan Cesari, Treasurer

Commission on Missing and Exploited Children

Address: P.O. Box 310
Memphis, Tennessee 38101
(901) 528-2005

History: The Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) was begun in August 1984 as an outgrowth of the Memphis Missing and Abused Children Bureau. The ten members, all volunteers, were appointed by Judge Kenneth A. Turner.

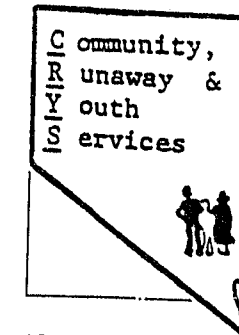
Services: COMEC's goals are to keep the problem of missing children in the forefront of public awareness; to educate parents; to organize and encourage fingerprinting and other child identification methods; to assist in photographing children so that current photographs will be available; to develop educational materials for parents and children; to assist and direct service groups and corporate sponsors so that all community areas are reached; and to establish a library of relevant materials. A 24-hour hotline is planned for children contemplating running away. COMEC has organized and staffed several identification and prevention projects.

Scope: Mid-South and adjoining states.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Patricia S. Reynolds, President
Jim Bompreszi, President pro tem
Susan Quick, Recording Secretary
Margaret L. Coleman, Treasurer
John Bennett, Public Relations
Laurie Steen, Public Relations
David Harris, Fund Raising
James M. Smith, Projects
Sissy Pettit, Projects
Brit A. Goodroe, Projects

Community, Runaway and Youth Services



Address: 190 East Liberty
Reno, Nevada 89501
(702) 323-6296

History: Community, Runaway and Youth Services (CRY S) is a nonprofit, community-based program that serves local pre-runaway, runaway, homeless, and missing youths and their families.

Services: The organization's youth emergency shelter service provides pre-runaway, runaway, and homeless youths with temporary shelter care and constitutes an alternative to the juvenile justice system in some cases. Upon request, and in cooperation with the police, CRY S provides counseling to the families of missing children. Counseling focuses on separation and loss or grief if the child has been reported dead. Other CRY S services to families of missing children include television appearances with photographs of the missing child; dissemination of photographs to other runaway and homeless youth programs across the United States; and provision of information to the parents regarding the procedures for filing a missing persons report, the function of law-enforcement agencies in these cases, and the existence and services of other organizations such as Child Find. CRY S provides training for the community on runaway and missing child issues.

Scope: Nevada.

Fees: There is no charge for training. Family counseling is offered on a fee-scale basis.

Personnel: Edward F. Schroll, Director
Kim Jones, Program Coordinator and Runaway Counselor
Pege Kasper, Teacher, CRY S Learning Center
Bill DeWitt, Marriage and Family Therapist
Mary Shadley, Marriage and Family Therapist
David Wayne, Marriage and Family Therapist
Mark Evans, Clinical Psychologist

Dee Scofield Awareness Program

- Address:** 4418 Bay Court Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33611
(813) 839-5025
- History:** The program was established in 1976 as a result of the disappearance of twelve-year-old Dee Scofield from a shopping center in Ocala, Florida. Its initial goals were to create public awareness of the problem of vanishing children and to obtain earlier and more extensive FBI involvement in missing children cases. The program, which expanded in 1981 to include search guidance, was awarded a rating of excellent in 1983 by the Hillsborough County Public Schools.
- Services:** The program provides search guidance, counseling, media and photo publicity, and compassionate support to families of missing children and victims of nonparental kidnapping. Other program activities include the production and dissemination of educational literature on child safety, prevention, identification programs, and specific missing children cases; legislation; evaluation of police and other public officials; and guidance on citizen involvement. The program has also produced an educational exhibit of fliers and photos with case histories.
- Scope:** National, Canada, and England, with contacts in Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon.
- Fees:** No charge. A return envelope and postage are appreciated with literature requests, and there is a small fee for photo exhibits.
- Personnel:** Betty DiNova, Founder, Director, Secretary
Theda Bell, President
Louise Assaff, Director, Treasurer
Lena Scofield, Director
Margaret McLain, Vice President

Exploited Children's Help Organization

E.C.H.O.

- Address:** 720 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502) 585-3246
- History:** A nonprofit organization made up of parents and professionals concerned about child sexual exploitation, the Exploited Children's Help Organization (E.C.H.O.) was organized in May 1983 to help increase public awareness of this problem.
- Services:** E.C.H.O. has organized a parents' support group for parents of missing and exploited children. Organization members monitor state legislation, and E.C.H.O. provides a speakers' bureau as well as education and prevention materials.
- Scope:** Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky; southern Indiana.
- Fees:** Membership dues are \$10 per year.
- Personnel:** Rosie Norris, Chairman
Lucy Callahan, Vice Chairman
Paula Tichenor, Treasurer
Jan Mooney, Secretary and Program Chairman
Linda Broadus, Publicity Chairman
Phil Locke, Finance Chairman
Elaine Spalding, Finance Chairman
Sherry Lynch, Legislative Committee Chairman

Families Aware of Childhood Traumas

- Address:** P.O. Box 99
Carle Place, New York 11514
(516) 338-4945
(516) 334-0971
- History:** The program was started in the spring of 1984 by a citizen action group to provide assistance to the parents of traumatized children. It is a member of the Nassau Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect and maintains close contact with law-enforcement agencies involved with child abduction and molestation cases.
- Services:** Families Aware of Childhood Traumas (FACT) provides active assistance to parents involved with child abduction or molestation cases; solicits and coordinates the distribution of photos of missing children; and acts as a central clearinghouse to provide information to guide parents to proper agencies. Through the efforts of FACT, a safety program in the schools has been established. The program publishes a newsletter to inform members about issues related to child victimization; assists in coordinating efforts to raise funds for families of traumatized children; and promotes public awareness by publishing information on proposed legislation relevant to child abduction and molestation.
- Scope:** Regional.
- Fees:** \$10 annual membership fee.
- Personnel:** Joan Presti, Director
Nancy Corrao, President
Carmella Finguerra, Vice President
Teresa Vella, Treasurer
Lorraine Lombardo, Secretary
Kathy Valenza, Secretary
Daniel Frisa, Chairman

Family and Friends of Missing Children

- Address:** Jane Adams Building
11051 34th, N.E.
Seattle, Washington 98125
(206) 362-1081
- History:** Family and Friends of Missing Children was founded in February 1975 by families that had experienced abduction and subsequent homicide of their children.
- Services:** This agency lobbies for victims' rights and child abduction legislation; assists families who are searching for children and adults; provides peer counseling by telephone, mail, and in person; submits pictures to the media; and circulates pictures of missing children nationally. The agency also provides grief counseling to parents and siblings; counsels families of children who have been sexually exploited; and provides 24-hour availability nationally. The agency publishes a quarterly newsletter, materials on homicide and abduction, and education and prevention materials.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Linda Barker, Executive Director
Two full-time volunteer staff members

FIND ME

Address: P.O. Box 1612
LaGrange, Georgia 30241
(404) 884-7419

History: FIND ME (For Individuals Missing Everywhere), a nonprofit organization, was founded in November 1980 primarily to provide information, advice, and counseling to families with a missing member; to inform the media and the general public, as well as interested organizations, of the magnitude of the problem; and to urge law enforcement to give missing person cases a higher priority.

Services: FIND ME provides speakers for churches and civic groups and makes contact with the media in support of its goal of increasing public awareness. It also publishes and distributes a 56-page booklet, "Action," filled with information for families of missing children and for other interested persons. FIND ME is not a detective agency, does not conduct searches, and does not publish photographs, but it supports and supplements organizations that do. FIND ME, with several other organizations, sponsored the concept of a Family Reunion Month, which was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Reagan.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: John Clinkscales, Founder and President
Louise Clinkscales, Treasurer and Secretary

Find My Child Support Network



Address: P.O. Box 27394
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611
(919) 833-3780

History: Find My Child Support Network (FMCSN) was founded in January 1984 by Teresa Bloom. A volunteer, nonprofit organization, FMCSN provides support and assistance to parents whose children are missing.

Services: FMCSN offers assistance and emotional support to parents of missing children. Searching parents may contact trained volunteers by telephone at any time. The program is also involved in education and community awareness regarding missing children.

Scope: North Carolina.

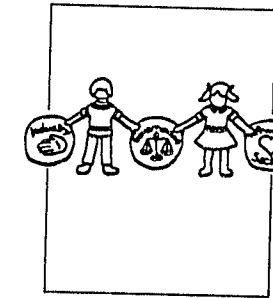
Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Teresa Bloom, Founder and President
Jeanette Miller, Vice President

Find the Children

- Address:** 1811 W. Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90064
(213) 477-6721
- History:** Find the Children was started in 1983 as a result of the television movie *Adam*. While researching *Adam*, producer Linda Otto found that many people were not aware of the problem of abducted children and that parents whose children were missing were not getting the support they needed from the media. Find the Children was formed in order to make better use of the media on behalf of missing children and their parents.
- Services:** The program works directly with the media in getting photographs of missing children broadcast throughout the country. Find the Children is located in a television production office and works with KNBC-TV on Child Search, a three-to five-minute segment on a missing child that is broadcast every Monday on the 5 p.m. local NBC-TV news around the country. Find the Children also supplies newspapers, magazines, and television talk shows with photographs and information on missing children.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Linda Otto, Executive Director
Anne Kahane, National Media Director
Toni Holden, Child Search Research Coordinator
Tracey Ramos, Secretary

Foundation to Find and Protect America's Children



- Address:** P.O. Box 436
Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438
(201) 697-4088
- History:** A nonprofit group, the Foundation was started in 1984 by Barbara and Louis Hoover, who felt that more parents should be made aware of the seriousness of the missing children problem and should act together to help missing children and their families.
- Services:** The Foundation acts as a clearinghouse for parents of missing children; disseminates pictures of missing children to the media, law enforcement, and other interested parties; promotes education and awareness; and encourages grass-roots support for missing children legislation. The Foundation currently works to locate missing children.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Barbara Hoover, President
Mary Vetreno, Vice President
Suzanne Rosen, Treasurer
Nancy Dyrsten, Secretary
Eric Kranz, Director of Special Projects

Friends of Child Find

Address: P.O. Box 85
Weirton, West Virginia 26062-0085
(304) 748-8163

History: Friends of Child Find, of West Virginia, received its state charter from the national organization Child Find in November 1983.

Services: Friends of Child Find works to prevent child abduction and abuse by helping local parents' groups fingerprint their children; by educating parents regarding abduction by strangers and noncustodial parents; by holding safety awareness sessions in local schools and distributing safety tips for children; and by encouraging the formation of additional chapters. Friends of Child Find, with local police and area video stores, has begun to videotape children as a means of identification. The program is actively involved in legislative advocacy.

Scope: West Virginia.

Fees: There is a registration fee of \$60 for the first child and \$25 for additional children when they are registered with the national Child Find registry.

Personnel: Jack L. Brown, President
Beverly Shingleton, First Vice President
Scott Hicks, Second Vice President
Cathy Brown, Treasurer
Nancy Taflan, Recording Secretary
Penny Tate, Corresponding Secretary
Charlotte Daugherty, Historian

Friends of Child Find California

Address: P.O. Box 84088
San Diego, California 92138
(619) 268-1933

History: Friends of Child Find California was formed in March 1984 by a group of educators, medical professionals, and law-enforcement and judicial personnel to address the issues of missing and exploited children in the southern California area.

Services: The organization provides a directory of missing children for southern California, a community alert program, and ongoing educational and child identification programs.

Scope: Southern California.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Ed Catano, President and Founder
Joseph Cordero, Secretary and Treasurer
Nancy Powers, Vice President
Victoria Garcia, Education Director
Toni Currier, Communications Director
Tami Whitacre, Public Affairs

Friends of Child Find of Oregon

Address: P.O. Box 756
Springfield, Oregon 97477-0131
(503) 341-3822

History: Friends of Child Find of Oregon, founded in 1982, is a nonprofit information and referral service for searching families.

Services: The program provides a 24-hour telephone service for families of missing children and for public information and conducts voluntary fingerprinting programs for children. Program staff maintain and distribute a list of recommended precautions for preventing child abduction, and they make public presentations and televised public service announcements to inform the public about child abduction and about the organization and its services.

Scope: National and Canada.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Ann Lantry-Brown, President
Carol Goddard, President Elect

Hide and Seek Foundation

Address: P.O. Box 722
Cornelius, Oregon 97113
(503) 472-4333

History: This nonprofit organization is dedicated to helping missing children and their families by offering free investigative services by a team of qualified search coordinators. Personal experience with a child disappearance led Linda and Ernest Rivers to found the program in 1983. Linda Rivers' nephew disappeared from California ten years ago, and her daughter vanished for more than a month. For eighteen years Ernest Rivers lost track of two daughters from a previous marriage. The program has expanded from focusing only on stranger abductions to include parental abductions and runaways.

Services: The Foundation coordinates search efforts in individual cases and offers crisis counseling and advice on a 24-hour helpline. Foundation staff teach proper and legal methods of searching and promote public awareness through public speaking to churches, schools, and other organizations interested in learning about the steps to take if a child is missing.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Linda Rivers, Executive Director
Ernest Rivers, Chairman of the Board
Anita Crawford, National Director

Home Run: A National Search for Missing Children



Address: 4575 Ruffner Street
San Diego, California 92111
(619) 292-5683

History: Home Run is a program of Youth Development, a nonprofit, charitable organization. The program was initiated in 1983.

Services: Home Run provides a variety of services, including referring runaways to nearby shelters, operating a 24-hour hotline, and acting as a liaison between runaways and their parents to encourage their reunion. The hotline can be used by parents to report a child as missing or by runaways or missing children to get help. Information on missing children is entered into the program's computer for later use and for sharing with other involved agencies. The program works either to speed children to their homes or, where this is not advisable, to places where they will receive loving care and protection. Children returning home are provided transportation when necessary.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Jim Vaus, Chairman, Youth Development, Inc.
Betsy Norris, Coordinator, Home Run
Ten paid staff
Twenty-four volunteer staff

Kentucky Alliance for Exploited and Missing Children

Address: 400 South Sixth Street, 3rd Floor
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502) 587-3621

History: The Kentucky Alliance for Exploited and Missing Children was incorporated in September 1983 as an outgrowth of the Kentucky Task Force on Exploited and Missing Children. The Task Force had been convened to study the problems of missing children and child exploitation in the state. The Task Force was comprised of elected officials, criminal justice officials, parent and teacher organizations, youth services professionals, doctors, nurses, and attorneys. The Alliance has conducted hearings across the state on the problems of runaways, child abductions, and other adult criminal misuse of children and has recommended solutions, many of which were enacted into law in 1984 by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Services: The Alliance advises government officials and citizen groups on the extent and nature of the problems, primarily systemic, facing exploited and missing children, and recommends solutions for particular problems.

Scope: Kentucky.

Fees: No charge for services. Membership dues are \$10 annually. The Alliance has no paid staff; the board of directors and members volunteer their services.

Personnel: Ronald J. Pregliasco, President

Kevin Collins Foundation for Missing Children



Address: P.O. Box 590473
San Francisco, California 94159
(415) 863-6555

History: The Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1984 by David and Ann Collins to help prevent stranger abductions and to support search and rescue efforts in abduction cases.

Services: The Foundation is working to establish an education program for parents, teachers, and children on how to avoid abduction and what to do in the event of abduction; to initiate and support legislation that will mandate immediate, comprehensive law-enforcement procedures to handle cases of missing children; to publicize the missing children issue and mobilize public opinion; and to initiate a program to eliminate child pornography. The Foundation plans to establish a central statewide clearinghouse of information on abducted children; to provide a coordinated, continuous flow of information to the media that will assist in the search for missing children; to train volunteers to aid in searches; to communicate with other missing children organizations in other states and abroad; to provide funding to aid in specific cases; and to establish a nationwide information bank on missing children that includes police profiles of known offenders.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Ann Deasy Collins, Co-President
David M. Collins, Co-President
Diane Feinstein, Mayor of San Francisco, Honorary Board Member

Lost Child Network

Address: P.O. Box 6442
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66206
1-800-843-5678 (for sightings)

History: The Lost Child Network is a program of the Heart of America Crime Prevention Association, an organization made up of police officers from both Kansas and Missouri and representing federal, state, county, and local law-enforcement agencies from the metropolitan area of Kansas City. The Lost Child Network has been in existence since April 1984.

Services: The program's main focus is to place photographs of missing children on the photo-processing envelopes of three corporations. Accompanying the pictures are descriptive information about the children and the new 1-800 telephone number for sightings provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. Through the efforts of these three companies, the photographs will be distributed to photography stores, major food store chains, national drug store chains, national department stores, military bases, and major discount store chains throughout the United States and Canada at a rate of approximately 10,000 per day, seven days a week, or approximately 42 million per year.

Scope: United States and parts of Canada.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Detective Sergeant Craig Hill, Leawood, Kansas Police Department,
Committee Chairman
Corporal Richard King, Gladstone, Missouri Police Department
Officer Rick Dougan, Lenexa, Kansas Police Department
Officer Brenda Haupt, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
Sergeant Curt Mathews, Missouri State Highway Patrol
Detective Robert Zubeck, Raytown, Missouri Police Department
Bill Evans, Olathe, Kansas
Phil Hale, Jackson County, Missouri
Jim Graham, Director, Kansas City Crime Commission

Louisville/Jefferson County Exploited and Missing Child Unit

- Address:** 400 South Sixth Street, 3rd Floor
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502) 588-2199
- History:** The Exploited and Missing Child Unit (EMCU), an intergovernmental and interagency program to aid exploited and missing children, was established in 1980 at the recommendation of a Task Force that had determined that juvenile prostitution and pornography had become serious problems in the county. The Unit investigates adult offenders, advocates services for child victims, and utilizes a sophisticated computerized tracking system to locate missing children. The Unit was founded and led for the first four years by John Rabun, now Deputy Director of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Services:** The Unit investigates all reports of child sexual exploitation and missing youths, never closes a case until a missing child is found, holds prevention programs in the local schools, and conducts public awareness campaigns. The Unit uses a model computer system for tracking and locating missing children within Jefferson County. The Unit offers limited technical assistance to other jurisdictions interested in implementing their own EMCUs.
- Scope:** Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky; southern Indiana.
- Fees:** No charge. The Unit is funded by the City of Louisville and Jefferson County and is staffed by Louisville and Jefferson County police officers and Jefferson County social workers.
- Personnel:** Earl Dunlap, Administrator
The Unit is composed of five teams, each consisting of a police officer and social worker. Policy is set and the Unit overseen by an executive committee consisting of the Louisville Mayor, Jefferson County Executive, police chiefs from Louisville and Jefferson County, and the Jefferson County Secretary for Human Services.

Missing Children Help Center



- Address:** 410 Ware Boulevard, Suite 303
Tampa, Florida 33619
(813) 623-KIDS (in Florida)
1-800-USA-KIDS (outside Florida)
- History:** The Help Center is a national nonprofit organization founded in March 1982 by Ivana DiNova, the cousin of twelve-year-old Dee Scofield, who disappeared from a shopping center in Ocala, Florida, on July 22, 1976. The organization works with families of missing children who may be classified as criminally abducted, parentally abducted, children at risk, and runaways.
- Services:** The Help Center serves as a coordinating agency among missing children, their parents, law enforcement, government agencies, and other interested parties. The Center promotes public awareness through crime prevention and education programs, including a voluntary fingerprinting program; distributes information and photographs of missing children nationally; and works to maintain good relations with law-enforcement agencies to assure the protection of all children. The Help Center maintains around-the-clock telephone service and passes information on sightings to the appropriate law-enforcement agencies.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Ivana DiNova, Founder and Executive Director
Gloria Zimmerer, Executive Secretary and Caseworker
Priscilla Babas, Caseworker
Barbara McKinley, Corresponding Secretary
Joanne Durham, Program Director
Thelma Merrill, Treasurer and Bookkeeper

Missing Children Information Clearinghouse



Address: P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, Florida 32302
(904) 488-5221
1-800-342-0821 (Florida only)

History: Since it began in 1982, the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse (MCIC) has been a liaison between private citizens and law enforcement regarding missing children information and has acted as a resource center that collects, compiles, and disseminates information on any child whose whereabouts are unknown. MCIC is located in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems, which houses the state's central crime information computers, provides the connecting link to each law-enforcement agency in the state, and provides state telecommunications to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) in Washington, D.C.

Services: MCIC operates a toll-free in-state WATS line, available around the clock, seven days per week, for reporting missing children. A directory of resources is available for additional assistance in locating children. MCIC also distributes a directory of hospitals and Florida law-enforcement agencies as well as a monthly missing children bulletin. Training is provided to private and public organizations on the operations of the Clearinghouse. MCIC also publishes a child safety guide for distribution to law-enforcement agencies, parents, and citizens.

Scope: MCIC receives and immediately forwards information on any child missing from Florida.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Robert Dempsey, Commissioner
Patrick J. Doyle, Director
Charles Jacobs, Bureau Chief

Missing Children of Allegheny County



Address: 1008 Duhrman Street
McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania 15136
(412) 321-6400
(412) 771-3000 (hotline)

History: Missing Children of Allegheny County is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1984 by Peggy Murin.

Services: Missing Children of Allegheny County assists in the initial investigation of cases of missing children and provides runaways with transportation counseling. A 24-hour hotline is maintained to receive calls with information concerning abducted children, runaways, child molestation, and child abuse. A major objective of Missing Children of Allegheny County is to protect and provide emotional support to the families of missing children. The program offers a book entitled "Protect You and Your Child" (a donation of \$5 is required).

Scope: Pennsylvania.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Peggy Murin, Administrative Director
Joseph Cunic, Child Advocate
Donald Matthews, Child Advocate
Frank Savatt, Child Advocate
Ronald Romano, Counselor
Stanley Bruno, Director of Fund Raising
Betty Messner, Assistant Director of Fund Raising
Patty Thaxton, Clerk

Missing Children of America

Address: P.O. Box 10-1938
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
(907) 272-8484

History: Missing Children of America was organized in 1980 by Nancy Barros, who found no help available when her three children were abducted by their noncustodial father. The organization, formed to help anyone trying to locate a missing child, plans to establish chapters throughout the continental United States.

Services: The organization helps parents find ways to locate their children; provides emotional support to families and friends of missing children; educates the public by giving presentations at conferences and before community groups, the media, and child-related organizations; trains volunteers to work extensively with parents on missing children's cases and with the Pepsi ID fingerprinting program; and relays information on runaways to appropriate agencies. The program provides legislative advocacy and is willing to share its extensive experience in locating missing children abroad. The organization works with law-enforcement agencies, child abuse groups, and social workers to determine the causes and effects of child disappearance. Missing Children of America provides fliers and other information on missing children.

Scope: International.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Nancy Barros, President and Founder
Cathy Holtz, Executive Secretary
Dolly Whaley, Locator Committee
Mary Bonin, Information Committee
Roberta Morgan, Executive Committee
Ron Cupples, Treasurer
Randy Luffberry, Legal Advisor

Missing Children of Greater Washington

Address: 4200 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Suite 201
Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 686-1791

History: Missing Children of Greater Washington was established in 1984 to provide support and direct assistance to families of victims of stranger abductions, noncustodial parental abductions, and runaways.

Services: Missing Children of Greater Washington assists law enforcement in the tracing and recovery of missing children. It provides advice and support to families of missing children and encourages and assists in providing public education on the prevention of abduction and on child safety in general.

Scope: Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: James Chandler, Executive Director

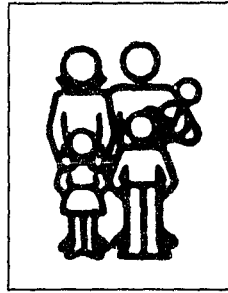
Missing Children's Project

- Address:** 1017 University Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(415) 549-3820
- History:** The Missing Children's Project formally began in January 1984. Developed out of a need for well-coordinated and immediate search efforts in child abduction cases, the Project operates under the auspices of Action Alliance for Children, a child-centered agency serving northern California for twelve years. The Project promotes public awareness and offers prevention strategies on the issue of missing children and provides immediate assistance to families of missing children.
- Services:** The Missing Children's Project provides voluntary fingerprinting, consulting services, poster printing and distribution, active and technical search assistance, and media involvement and advocacy functions. It also publishes the "Resource and Referral Handbook."
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Alice Jordan, Executive Director
Melvey Brown, Program Director
David Carter, Assistant Coordinator
Martha Timmers, Fiscal Manager
Helen Vargas, Executive Secretary

Missing Persons' Center of Nueces County

- Address:** P.O. Box 1940
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403
(512) 888-0265 (24 hours)
- History:** The Center was established in 1983 to serve as a full-time organization for conducting investigations on all missing person cases, including runaways, abducted children, parental abductions, missing adults, and unidentified bodies. It is currently staffed by two full-time investigators and one officer. The Center has access to computerized data on missing persons throughout the country.
- Services:** The Missing Persons' Center conducts investigations into the disappearance of missing persons, regardless of the area; works with the media to disseminate information on missing persons; advises parents of children who are victims of parental abductions on legal means to recover their children; and helps any agency or individual, upon request, to locate missing persons. The Center also investigates child pornography or abuse cases involving missing children and conducts fingerprint programs for children in schools, day care centers, churches, and elsewhere.
- Scope:** National and Canada.
- Fees:** No charge. Costs assumed by Nueces County and donations from the public.
- Personnel:** Guy Genovese, Supervising Investigator
Scott Mandel, Investigator

National Child Search



Address: P.O. Box 1654
Johnson City, Tennessee 37605
(615) 474-2232

History: National Child Search was established in June 1984 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Regional offices throughout the United States are planned.

Services: National Child Search was established to represent all missing children, including abducted children and those classified as runaways; to assist parents with information and referral; to develop literature and hints to help searching parents; to encourage the development of Block Parent and Safe House programs; to provide speakers to schools, churches, and civic organizations; and to provide educational programs for parents, schools, and day care centers.

Scope: National.

Fees: There is a \$15 donation required for registering the first child in a family and a \$7 donation for each additional child. Registration includes a fingerprint card, dog tags, and a photo file. These fees may be waived for those unable to pay; other services are free.

Personnel: Teddy Bradshaw, President
Regina Bradshaw, Secretary and Treasurer
Greg Miller, Public Relations Director

National Fingerprint Center for Missing Children

Address: Box 945
Kirksville, Missouri 63501
(816) 627-1277

History: The Center was established in 1983 in Kirksville, Missouri, to assist in the identification of missing children in the United States.

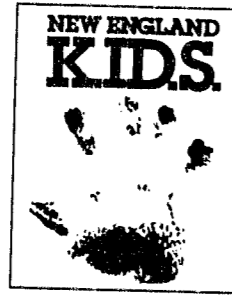
Services: The Center provides fingerprinting supplies and information, crime prevention materials, public service advertisements, window decals, and metal reflective road signs for use in local programs. The road signs read "Our Children Have Been Fingerprinted for Identification." Fingerprints are classified, and palm prints are analyzed for clarity by professionally trained classifiers. By providing a central, independent facility for computerized search and recovery assistance, this nonprofit organization helps law-enforcement agencies, on parental request, to identify missing children nationwide. Technical assistance is provided free of charge to communities and organizations that are interested in beginning a fingerprinting program.

Scope: National.

Fees: There is a one-time fee of \$3.50 per card to register a child's fingerprint card at the Center.

Personnel: Diane L. Gooch, Executive Director

New England K.ID.S.



Address: 516 Grafton Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604
(617) 791-1130
1-800-392-6090

History: New England K.ID.S. was founded as a nonprofit organization on April 27, 1984. Massachusetts Secretary of State Michael J. Connolly was selected as the first Honorary Chairman.

Services: New England K.ID.S. works to make the public aware of the problem of missing children and to develop, with other community groups, safety and prevention programs for children and parents. The organization has become involved with specific cases and has been successful in returning several children to their parents. K.ID.S. assists in locating children, offers voluntary child identification days, works with local schools and law-enforcement agencies, develops self-help support groups, sets up Safe Home projects in Massachusetts communities, and has established a resource library.

Scope: New England.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Kevin O'Malley, Founder
Carolyn Kennedy, Vice President
Kathleen McNamara, Clerk
David Tisini, Board Member
Vincent Bilka, Legal Adviser

New Jersey Commission on Missing Persons

Address: Office of the Attorney General
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN081
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
(609) 984-5830

History: The New Jersey Commission on Missing Persons was established in 1984 to help set state safety and protection policy for New Jersey.

Services: The Commission's goals are to help create legislation; to work with other agencies in missing person cases; to provide training for law enforcement, parents, and children; and to collect and disseminate information on missing children and unidentified persons in New Jersey and elsewhere. The Commission has the use of the state police to assist in cases of missing persons. The Commission also assists local police departments that do not have the personnel or the time available to work on a case. The Commission, upon request, will provide training to agencies starting a missing and exploited children unit.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Richard Ruffino, Executive Director/Secretary

Ocean County Commission on Exploited and Missing Children

Address: Ocean County Sheriff's Department
Missing Persons Bureau
146 Chestnut Street
Toms River, New Jersey 08753
(201) 349-1454

History: In 1980, the Ocean County Sheriff's Department started its Missing Persons Bureau as a result of several disappearances and subsequent murders of young people in Ocean County. It became apparent to the Bureau that the problem of missing persons was extensive, and in 1981 the Bureau established the Ocean County Commission on Exploited and Missing Children to study the problem.

Services: The Missing Persons Bureau investigates all missing person complaints and assists any agencies and individuals needing help. It enters all appropriate missing person information into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer and assists in the training of all county law-enforcement officers with respect to prevention of child abduction and exploitation. The Commission provides education and expands public awareness by lecturing in all county schools on the prevention of abduction and child abuse and by disseminating information and focusing media attention on the problem.

Scope: New Jersey.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Jack Brogan, Chief Warrant Officer
Wayne Ruppert, Lieutenant
Kevin Fitzpatrick, Detective

Oklahoma Parents Against Child Stealing

Address: P.O. Box 2112
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005
(918) 534-1489

History: Oklahoma Parents Against Child Stealing (OPACS) was founded in 1981 by J.C. and Angela Kincaid as a result of a parental abduction within their family. The organization was incorporated in 1984. Over thirty child victims of parental abduction have been located and recovered through the assistance of OPACS.

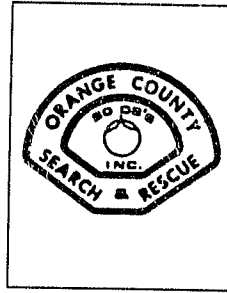
Services: OPACS offers support to parents of missing children, including victims of parental and criminal abduction, and makes media services available to parents through the Missing Children Network developed and managed by Prijatel Productions of Dayton, Ohio. The organization has educational resources and publishes a missing children booklet.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: J.C. Kincaid, Founder
Angela Kincaid, Founder

Orange County Search and Rescue



Address: P.O. Box 5548
Buena Park, California 90622
(714) 828-3200

History: Orange County Search and Rescue, an all-civilian, volunteer search and rescue team, was formed in 1963 after the tragic search for a missing five-year-old boy. The team was incorporated in 1965 as a nonprofit organization, and its National Kid Print Program began in October 1983. The organization is currently establishing regional offices throughout the country.

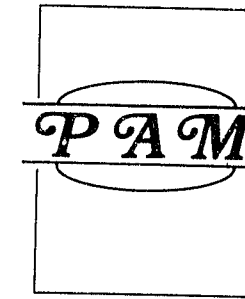
Services: Orange County Search and Rescue distributes child safety kits, charging only for postage, and also has available a forty-minute videotape on missing children that is used in safety seminars. The National Kid Print Program is an abduction prevention and child protection effort that uses volunteers trained by FBI technicians in fingerprint techniques. The fingerprint card used by National Kid Print is completely compatible with the format used by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer. Under this program, fingerprint days have been organized in malls, churches, schools, and other organizations.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Carol Stockdale, Executive Director, National Kid Print
Cary Stockdale, National Chairman, National Kid Print; Chief Field Director,
Orange County Search and Rescue
Martin Swanson, President, Orange County Search and Rescue
Babette Andaya, Corporate Liaison
Fina Bentley, Public Relations Director
Christopher Bloor, Regional Director, East Coast
LaDonna Peterson, Volunteer Coordinator

Parents Against Molesters



Address: P.O. Box 12591
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
(804) 465-1582

History: Parents Against Molesters was founded in 1983 by Audrey Walker and Barbara Barker to help child molestation victims and their families.

Services: The program offers support for victims and their parents in court, runs a self-help group for parents of molested children, monitors child molestation trials, and conducts education and speaking programs on prevention and awareness.

Scope: National.

Fees: \$10 membership per year.

Personnel: Barbara Barker, Executive Director
Cindy Hall, Vice President
Bonnie Skillman, Secretary
Wade Barker, Treasurer

Project: Missing Children

- Address:** 5804 Ames Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68104
(402) 347-6674
- History:** Project: Missing Children was formed in 1984 to assist in the location of missing children, to educate the public regarding the magnitude of the problem, to coordinate research and data into central resource and referral networks on both the local and national levels, and to offer support to parents of missing children.
- Services:** Project: Missing Children provides emotional support to parents whose children are missing. The program distributes pictures and fliers to law-enforcement agencies and the media nationwide and assists locally with the organization of searches for missing children. Program staff monitor current legislation and make referrals to local resources. Project: Missing Children promotes awareness of the problem by providing speakers to civic, church, and school organizations; speakers also educate both parents and children on preventive safety measures.
- Scope:** National.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** David Perlman, Chairman of the Board
Kathy McGiness, President
Bev Bequetts, Vice President
Kathy Hilzendeger, Secretary
Vivian Metzler, Treasurer

Protect the Children

- Address:** P.O. Box 49
Steger, Illinois 60475
(312) 755-6008
- History:** Protect the Children is a nonprofit organization, chartered in April 1984, that is dedicated to making Illinois a safer state for children. The organization's programs are aimed at preventing stranger and parental abductions and effecting positive changes in the systems that serve children.
- Services:** Protect the Children's public awareness program uses workshops and speaking engagements to promote safety guidelines and to educate parents and concerned citizens about the dangers of child abduction. The organization also sponsors a comfort program for parents of missing children.
- Scope:** Illinois.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Victoria Amptmeyer, President
Brad Kellett, Vice President
Russell Amptmeyer, Treasurer
Archie DeRidder, Assistant Treasurer
Penny DeRidder, Secretary

Reach Out Center for Missing Children

Address: 1003 Stadium Drive
Durham, North Carolina 27704
(919) 471-3112

History: The Reach Out Center was founded in 1983 as a result of a deep concern for missing children across the nation. Its goal is to promote public awareness of the problem of missing children.

Services: The Center provides compassionate support to parents of missing children and organizes awareness programs to help parents locate their children. When a child is found deceased, the Center establishes a memorial fund for their child's family, if needed. Center staff also speak on the subject in schools.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge. There is a small fee for photo exhibits.

Personnel: Donna Jean Barnes, Founder, Director, and Treasurer

Recover the Children

Address: Jane Adams Building
11051 34th, N.E.
Seattle, Washington 98125
(206) 622-0600

History: Recover the Children was organized in November 1984 to help families who are having financial hardships in recovering their missing children. It is directly affiliated with the Family and Friends of Missing Children (see page 19).

Services: Recover the Children assists families in their search for and recovery of missing children through a one-time grant of up to \$500. The child must be eighteen years of age or younger. The organization will also provide photographs to the media for missing children that are presumed to be in the northwest United States and offers technical assistance to other groups and organizations interested in establishing a recovery fund.

Scope: Washington.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Mary Jane Gassert, Co-Director
Linda Barker, Co-Director

Search Reports



Address: 560 Sylvan Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632
(201) 567-4040
1-800-526-4603

History: Search Reports was founded in 1980 to distribute information on runaway juveniles to law enforcement, medical facilities, and appropriate social services in all fifty states. Coverage expanded almost immediately to include all reported missing persons, regardless of age, and listings of the unidentified dead.

Services: A missing persons report is distributed without charge. Its current circulation is 28,000 copies, and it reaches thousands of agencies and services that receive little or no other information on the missing. The service provides verifiable, documented information upon request. The program advises families concerning procedures to be followed and their rights under federal and state laws concerning missing individuals of any age. Full-time and volunteer personnel suggest or obtain law-enforcement cooperation in handling specific cases; maintain close contact and exchange information with law-enforcement personnel across the country; and provide photographs and descriptions of minors to syndicated television programs dealing exclusively with missing, kidnapped, or abducted children. Adoption problems, "out-of-touch" difficulties, most parental interference cases, and requests for local assistance are referred to appropriate services. The program provides law-enforcement officers with contacts in other departments and agencies.

Scope: National and U.S. possessions.

Fees: No charge for assistance or information. \$90 for the first listing of a missing person in the report; \$75 for unidentified bodies.

Personnel: Arthur W. Dodd, Trustee
Charles A. Sutherland, Trustee
Ruth Smith, Trustee
Bernard Rothman, Trustee
Richard Nolan, Trustee

Services for the Missing

Address: 150 Berlin Road
Gibbsboro, New Jersey 08026
(609) 783-3101

History: The founder of Services for the Missing was separated from her father in 1963 after a bitter divorce. As a result of their reunion twenty years later, Services for the Missing was established to assist other parents and children who have suffered losses through divorce, adoption, parental kidnapping, or runaways.

Services: Services for the Missing (formerly the Hide and Seek Foundation) is committed to assisting adults in their search for missing family members. The organization is an information and referral group; offers support and networking; and educates the public in the areas of abduction prevention and community awareness. Services for the Missing respects the privacy of all family members and protects the confidentiality of all those concerned. The group also provides search and system guidance, legislative activism, and a speakers' bureau.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge for services. Membership dues are \$10, individual; \$25, family; \$50, club, organization, or church.

Personnel: Nikki Thoman, Executive Director
Linda Willard, Caseworker and Public Relations
Kenneth Joseph, Public Relations
Teresa Tocco, Caseworker and Public Relations

Society for Young Victims

Addresses: 29 Thurston Avenue
Newport, Rhode Island 02840
(401) 847-5083

5 Washington Street
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944
(617) 526-1080

History: The Society was founded in 1975 by concerned citizens after the disappearance of five-year-old Jason Foreman.

Services: The Society helps families in their search for missing children by copying and distributing photographs and fliers across the country; maintaining files with photographs and other information on missing children and providing them to police departments; and helping police to organize search teams. Counseling is provided to families with missing children. Families of runaways are also assisted through a network of citizens' band and ham radio operators who broadcast descriptions of runaways. The Society also provides community awareness and education programs as well as voluntary fingerprinting.

Scope: National.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: June Vlasaty, Founder and Director
Lee Eschenheimer, Vice President
Dave Bettencourt, Secretary and Treasurer

Society's League Against Molestation

Address: P.O. Box 833
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
(301) 953-3237

History: Society's League Against Molestation (S.L.A.M.) was founded in February 1980, following the trial and conviction of Theodore Frank for the rape and torture murder of Amy Sue Seitz of Camarillo, California. The group was formed by Amy Sue's grandmother, Mrs. Patti Linebaugh, and several concerned Camarillo citizens.

Services: S.L.A.M. provides court monitoring, advocacy for child victims, a support system for parents, statistics on child molestation, educational literature and films, public awareness, and legislative advocacy. Future services will include a 24-hour hotline, a referral list of clinicians and counselors for sexually abused children and their families, educational presentations suitable for young children, and distribution of anatomically correct dolls for use in interviewing child victims.

Scope: Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Fees: \$12 membership dues.

Personnel: Patti Linebaugh, Founder
Brenda Lusk, President

Stephanie Roper Committee



Address: P.O. Box 178
Cheltenham, Maryland 20623
(301) 952-0063

History: In 1982, Stephanie Roper was brutally raped, tortured, and murdered. The Stephanie Roper Committee was formed as a result of public outrage when her two murderers were given sentences that would make them eligible for parole in less than twelve years. Originally composed of fifty friends and neighbors who attended the murder trials with the Ropers in the fall of 1982, the Stephanie Roper Committee, an all-volunteer lobbying organization, has grown to a membership of over 11,500. Legislative efforts are focused on the improvement of the criminal justice system in Maryland—its administration, sentencing process, and treatment of victims.

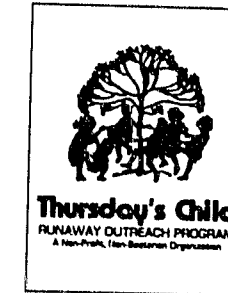
Services: The Committee offers support to victims and their families during the trials of their accused offenders. A court watch program monitors sentences assigned to offenders. The Committee shares experience and research with other groups and individuals and makes victims' services referrals. The Committee also organized the Stephanie Roper Foundation to conduct research, studies, and analyses and to publish the findings as an educational service to the public.

Scope: Maryland.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Vincent and Roberta Roper, Founders
Victor and Judith Pietkiewicz, Co-Chairmen
Kurt Wolfgang, Director of Legislative Action
Joseph Charney, Treasurer
Elaine Charney, Office Manager
Mary Jane Cook, Court Watch, Media Affairs

Thursday's Child Runaway Outreach Program



Address: 24100 Hartland Street
Canoga Park, California 91307
(818) 710-1181

History: Thursday's Child is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose focus is the prevention of child abuse and neglect and outreach to potential runaways.

Services: Thursday's Child maintains a helpline for runaways and abused and neglected children in Los Angeles. Five nationwide programs are being developed: an in-school educational program on the topics of child abuse and running away; a national, 24-hour helpline for abused and potential runaway children; a media campaign to publicize the availability of the helpline and encourage its use; a national youth affiliation to organize teenagers to help each other; and a halfway home for adolescent female sexual abuse victims.

Scope: National.

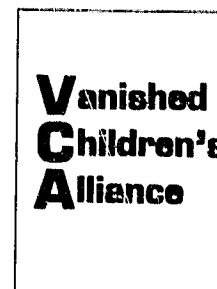
Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Don Austin, Executive Director

Top Priority: Children

- Address:** P.O. Box 2161
Palm Springs, California 92263
(619) 323-1559
- History:** The organization was formed in 1977 to make children's issues a higher public priority. The all-volunteer group brought about a state legislative hearing in October 1983 on missing children and a state resolution on child safety.
- Services:** Top Priority: Children promotes child safety, advocates and lobbies for changes in laws and procedures for handling missing children cases, distributes information on missing children, and helps in individual cases in the Palm Springs area. The program distributes a free newsletter and offers voluntary fingerprinting of children.
- Scope:** California.
- Fees:** No charge.
- Personnel:** Teddy Kieley, President and Founder

Vanished Children's Alliance



- Address:** P.O. Box 2052
Los Gatos, California 95031
(408) 354-3200
- History:** The Vanished Children's Alliance (formerly the Bay Area Center for Victims of Child Stealing) was formed in September 1980 to assist parents victimized by a noncustodial parental abduction. Services have since been extended to all parents of missing children. This is a nonprofit group dedicated to the prevention of abduction and the recovery of missing children.
- Services:** The Alliance registers missing children, offers support, and disseminates pictures and information about missing children through the media. Alliance staff accept sighting information; refer recovered children to reputable therapists; provide expert witnesses for court cases; offer training and awareness to educational and community groups; and participate in cooperative efforts and networking with various other missing children's groups around the country. Members receive a newsletter on current activities, recoveries, meetings, legislation, and other matters.
- Scope:** International. The Alliance assists any victim parent, from the United States or anywhere in the world, whose child could be in the United States.
- Fees:** A \$20 annual membership fee covers the newsletter and postage costs, but services are provided to any victim parent regardless of ability to pay.
- Personnel:** Georgia Hilgeman, Executive Director
Olivia Taylor-Young, Educational Director
Cindy Ling, South Bay Coordinator
Zoe Davidson, Monterey Peninsula Coordinator
John and Pat Palmer, North Bay Coordinators
Ann Richter and Jim Fontes, East Bay Coordinators
Joy Abramovitz, Santa Cruz Coordinator
Jeannine McFarland, Central Sierra Coordinator
LaDena Gonsalves and Cyndi Roelofs, Los Banos Coordinators
Yolanda Porter, Florida Coordinator
Mohinder Paul Singh Randhawa, India Coordinator

Victims of Violence: Victims' Rights Advocates



Address: Postal Station, South Edmonton
10465 80th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 4S7
(403) 481-5073

Services: Victims of Violence works with families of missing children and with police and other organizations to help recover missing children and to prevent sexual assault and exploitation. The program produces and distributes posters of missing children in Canada and the United States.

Scope: Canada and northern United States.

Personnel: Gary Rosenfeldt, Spokesman

Windsor Missing Children

Address: P.O. Box 3243
Tecumseh P.S.
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8W 2M4
(519) 735-2712

History: This nonprofit, volunteer organization was formed in 1984 to increase public awareness of the serious problem of child abduction.

Services: Parents of missing children are given guidance and emotional support in the search for their children; program staff also participate in the search through telephone calls and the use of contacts in other agencies. Parents are directed, when appropriate, to reasonably priced private detectives. The program has access to a lawyer, a private detective, and police officials who have donated their time and services. Windsor Missing Children is affiliated with other missing children organizations, is backed by its local police department, and has the full support of its local Block Parent Committee.

Scope: Canada.

Fees: No charge.

Personnel: Wendy Foley, President and Founder
Donna McKros, Vice President
Pat Johnston, Secretary and Treasurer

Additional Resources

Action

806 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Room 600
Washington, D.C. 20525
(202) 634-9410

This independent federal agency promotes volunteerism and administers a broad range of programs that use volunteers. Its Young Volunteers in Action program promotes Child Safety Days as a way of preventing child abduction and molestation. Brochures and handbooks are available to persons and organizations interested in more information on Child Safety Days.

Alaska Juvenile Crime Commission

P.O. Box 4-2850
Anchorage, Alaska 99509
(907) 276-2066

The Commission is a nonprofit, autonomous body of private citizens with a special interest or expertise in the fields of juvenile crime and child exploitation. It disseminates information and materials, provides limited services, and advocates on behalf of programs to reduce child exploitation in Alaska.

American Youth Work Center

1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Room 925
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 785-0764

The Center assists community-based youth service programs through training and technical assistance, clearinghouse services, research, and advocacy. It publishes the annual "National Directory of Runaway Programs," available from the Center for \$9.95, prepaid.

Children in Crisis

Gallery 345/ Art for Social Change, Inc.
345 Lafayette Street
New York, New York 10012
(212) 535-4797

Children in Crisis is an educational project that prepares exhibits and graphic materials on issues relating to children and youth, including sexual abuse and the problem of missing and murdered children.

Child - S.A.F.E.

8612-2 Boundary
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
(907) 333-6405

Child - S.A.F.E. provides information and services in the area of child sexual abuse and its prevention.

Committee for Children

P.O. Box 11458
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 244-5248 (professionals and press only)

The Committee is involved in advocacy and coalition building on behalf of children. It promotes legislation and public awareness in such areas as child nutrition and health, child abuse and neglect, missing children, and child exploitation.

Friends of Child Find, Inc.

P.O. Box 10682
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235
(412) 244-0729

Friends of Child Find provides education and public awareness designed for adults and children on the issue of missing children. The organization also raises funds for Child Find of New York.

Friends of Missing Children
P.O. Box 8848
Madison, Wisconsin 53708
(608) 846-9111

Friends of Missing Children is composed of police officers and attorneys dedicated to helping parents search for their missing children. The staff works off duty to assist parents directly in their search and to help locate attorneys experienced in parental abduction cases.

Institute for Youth Advocacy
Covenant House
460 West 41st Street
New York, New York 10036
(212) 613-0349

Covenant House is an international child care agency with short-term crisis shelters in New York, Toronto, and Houston. Covenant House provides food, clothing, shelter, medical and legal services, educational and vocational services, and individual and family counseling to anyone under the age of 21 on a 24-hour basis, no questions asked.

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
National Criminal Justice
Reference Service (NCJRS)
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, Maryland 20850
1-800-638-8736
(301) 251-5500 (in Maryland)

The Clearinghouse collects and disseminates information on all aspects of juvenile justice and juvenile delinquency, including child pornography and prostitution. Bibliographies, custom searches, documents, conference support, training support, and referrals are also available.

National Child Safety Council
4065 Page Avenue
Jackson, Michigan 49204
(517) 764-6070

The National Child Safety Council is the oldest and largest federal tax-exempt 501(C)(3) nonprofit child safety organization in the United States. It is funded entirely by private contributions. The Council has a thirty-year history of saving young lives by providing safety education materials to law-enforcement agencies and schools. In addition, the Council prints the *Abducted Children Directory*, a service of Missing Children Search, which is distributed every three months to the FBI and state and local law-enforcement departments throughout the country.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 1182
Washington, D.C. 20013
(202) 251-5157

The Clearinghouse is a national resource for information on all aspects of child abuse and child neglect. Bibliographies, custom searches, documents, and referrals are available.

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
1500 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., No. 35
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 347-7017

This coalition of battered women's shelters and service organizations is active in tracking legislation, advocacy, and information dissemination and referral in the area of domestic violence. The Coalition publishes a newsletter for members.

National Coalition for Children's Justice
4345 Shelburne Road
Shelburne, Vermont 05482
(802) 985-8458

The National Coalition for Children's Justice is a private, nonprofit tax-exempt organization dedicated to improving protective services for children and creating public awareness of the many social injustices inflicted upon the young. The Coalition has provided research data to many Congressional committees, produces preventive education materials, and is working to establish a national child victim network that will coordinate and disseminate information on known sex criminals as well as on missing children believed to have been forced into prostitution or cult activity.

National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse
332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1250
Chicago, Illinois 60604-4357
(312) 663-3520

The National Committee works for the prevention of child abuse and child neglect through state and national public awareness programs, a network of state chapters, and through advocacy and information dissemination.

National Crime Prevention Council
805 15th Street, N.W.
Room 705
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 393-7141

The Council works with the Advertising Council to produce a national public service advertising campaign to reduce crime and to promote crime prevention; disseminates materials to state and local groups; provides technical assistance; and focuses on the protection of children and youths.

National Legal Resource Center for Child Advocacy and Protection
American Bar Association
1800 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 331-2250

The Legal Resource Center provides information, technical assistance, consulting, and training on legal issues related to child welfare and child protection. It produces a number of publications on these issues.

National Network of Runaway and Youth Services
905 Sixth Street, S.W.
Suite 411
Washington, D.C. 20024
(202) 488-0739

This resource network for runaway shelters, community programs, and coalitions dealing with the concerns of runaways and youths acts as an information clearinghouse, sponsors educational programs, and promotes policies and programs to help runaways and youths.

National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
1757 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010
(202) 232-8560

NOVA offers technical assistance, referrals, and information in support of victims' assistance programs and victims' rights. NOVA publishes an annual directory of state legislation and a directory of victims' assistance programs.

Orange County District Attorney
Family Support Division
P.O. Box 448
Santa Ana, California 92702-0448
(714) 834-5536

The Orange County District Attorney's office helps citizens who need immediate assistance in locating and recovering children in Orange County, California.

Parents of Murdered Children

1739 Bella Vista
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237
(513) 721-5683
(513) 242-8025

This self-help organization, through its 41 chapters and 200 contact persons, assists parents of murdered children and survivors of victims of crime.

Parents of Murdered Children

Houston Chapter
8227 Roebourne Lane
Houston, Texas 70770
(713) 469-0678

This self-help organization for crime victims is involved in victims' rights, advocacy, and coalition building among crime prevention and victims' rights groups.

Portraits International Corporation

2503 Old Shell Road
Mobile, Alabama 36607
(205) 479-6050

Portraits International is the nation's largest producer of pre-school portraits in child care locations. Phase I of the program involves the distribution of over 100,000 copies of an FBI-approved Protective Identification Composite, complete with portrait of child. This card can instantly be entered into FBI computers in the event a child is missing. Phase II of the program consists of a comprehensive child care employee background composite. A combination of employee screening and child's protective composites promotes an environment of vastly improved protection for children. Composite cards are sent free of charge upon receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Runaway Assistance Program

398 Park Lane
East Lansing, Michigan 48823
1-800-292-4517

The Runaway Assistance Program provides crisis counseling and information and referral to runaways, potential runaways, and their families throughout Michigan. Crisis counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All calls are confidential, and callers may remain anonymous.

Springfield Child Abuse Resources (SCAR)

223-C North A Street
Springfield, Oregon 97477
(503) 746-3376

SCAR provides public information, prevention and education tips, and other services to abused and exploited children and to their families.

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