

# The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC): *Resources and Assistance for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities*

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# Agenda

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- NCMEC History & Mission
- Missing Native American & Indigenous Children Data
- Resources & Partnerships
- Coordinated Support Services
- Questions





# WHO WE ARE

- Founded in 1984
- Nonprofit, non-governmental organization
- Congressionally funded in part to operate 15 programs related to missing and exploited children
- National resource center for families, law enforcement and other professionals





# OUR MISSION

**Find Missing Children**

**Reduce Child Sexual Exploitation**

**Prevent Future Victimization**

**Hope is why we're here.**



# MISSING NATIVE AMERICAN & INDIGENOUS CHILDREN DATA

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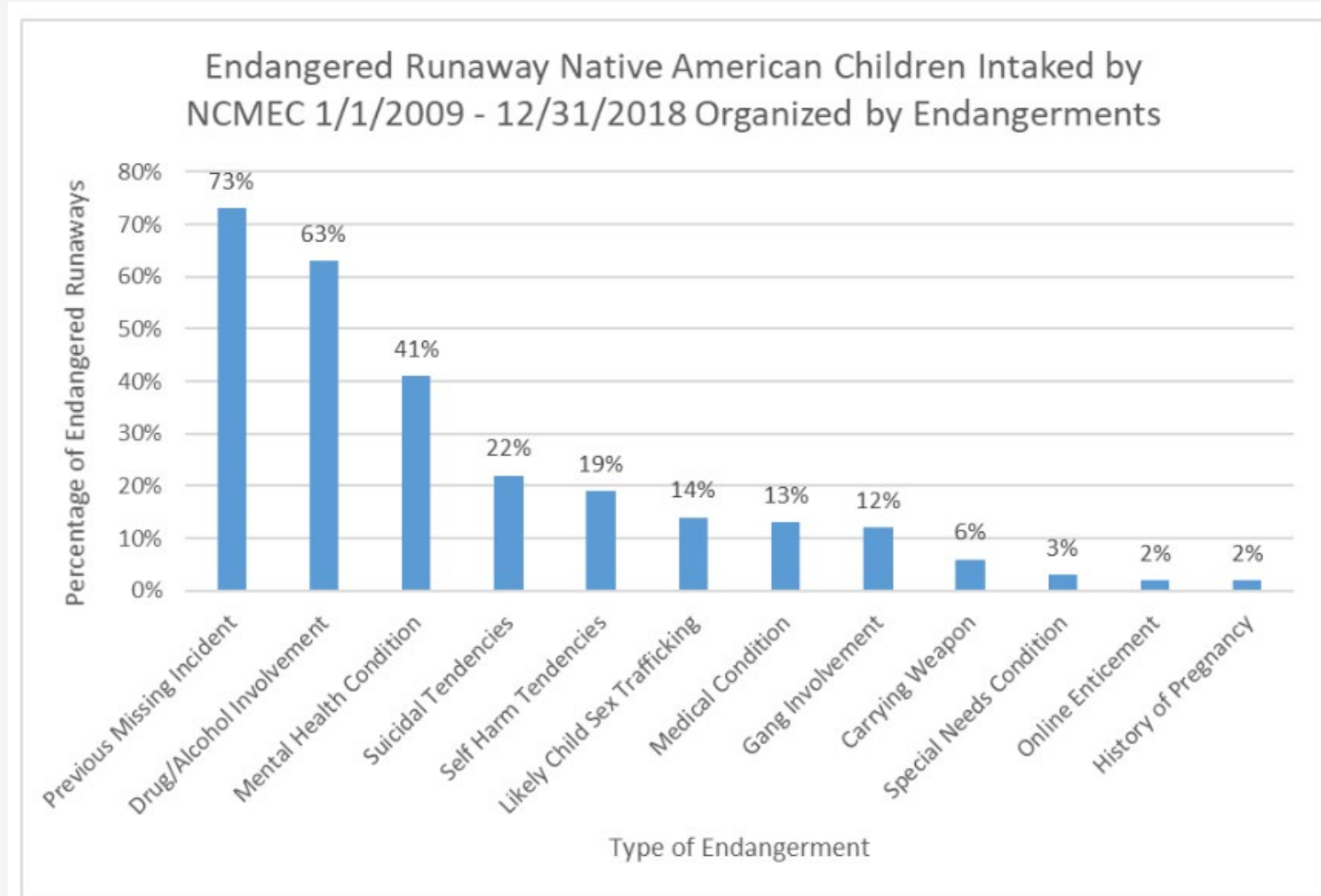
# Key Findings of 2009-2018 Report

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- **98% of cases were resolved**, with 79% of children recovered after 48 hours
- 162 children (8%) were reported missing from Tribal Territory
- Most of the missing children **recovered deceased** (9 out of 13) went **missing from Tribal Territory**
- Unique challenges for law enforcement
- 1,305 of the 1,909 cases analyzed were **children missing from care** and 94% of these children were **endangered** runaways
- 91% of reported missing had at least **one endangerment**



# Reported Endangerments



# RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS

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# 1-800-THE-LOST: 24-Hour Hotline

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- Nerve Center of NCMEC
- Located in FL and VA
- ≈350 calls per day
- Reports of missing & exploited children
- Tips & sightings
- General inquiries from the public
- Bilingual Call Specialist and access to 180+ languages, TDD



# How Does NCMEC Help?

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- On call 24/7
- Provide support to parents/guardians & LE
- Create & disseminate posters to generate leads
- Review & share all leads/ new information with LE
- Gather information & coordinate analytical support
- Referrals to family advocacy services
- Coordinate with specialized LE resources  
[Team Adam, federal liaisons]
- Long-term missing cases  
[age progressions, forensics, case review]





# Poster Distribution



200+  
Photo Partners



**MISSING**  
HELP BRING ME HOME

missingkids.org

**Jacob Hoggle**



Missing Since: Sep 7, 2014  
Missing From: Gaithersburg, MD  
DOB: Jul 3, 2012  
Age Now: 8  
Sex: Male  
Race: Biracial  
Hair Color: Lt Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
Height: 3'0"  
Weight: 30 lbs

**Sarah Hoggle**



Missing Since: Sep 7, 2014  
Missing From: Gaithersburg, MD  
DOB: Nov 20, 2010  
Age Now: 10  
Sex: Female  
Race: Biracial  
Hair Color: Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
Height: 3'6"  
Weight: 40 lbs

Jacob - Age Progressed



Sarah - Age Progressed



Jacob's photo is shown age-progressed to 4 years. He was last seen on September 7, 2014 at approximately 4:00 p.m. Sarah's photo is shown age-progressed to 6 years. She was last seen on September 8, 2014 at approximately 5:00 a.m. Jacob and Sarah are Biracial. They are Black and White. Jacob was last known to be wearing a white t-shirt and blue shorts. Sarah was last known to be wearing a pink tank top and blue shorts.

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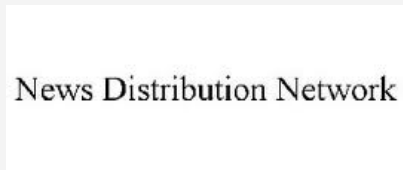
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**CALL 911 OR** 1-800-8435678 (1-800-THE-LOST®)


Montgomery County Police Department (Maryland)  
1-301-279-8000

Case handled by

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**HAVE YOU SEEN ME?**



**NAME:** Stacey Kelekoma  
**FROM:** Anahola, HI  
**DOB:** 10/01/71    **AGE:** 42  
**HAIR:** Brown    **EYES:** Brown  
**SEX:** Female  
**HT:** 5'5" (at age 28)    **WT:** 100 (at age 28)  
**DATE MISSING:** 08/18/86




Photo age-progressed to 41 years

**Thank you for caring about kids**  
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**CALL THE TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)** 24 hours a day or report a sighting online: [missingkids.com](https://missingkids.com)



# Team Adam Consultants

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- **Deploy and provide on-site assistance**
- **Critical Case Assistance**
  - Rapid deployment
  - On-site assistance
  - Search assessment/management
- **Long Term Case Assistance**
  - Organization & analysis
  - Investigative strategies
  - Lead development



# Forensic Imaging Resources: Age Progressions

**MISSING**  
HELP BRING ME HOME

Report a sighting | Español  
Share this poster

NCMEC: 99719

**Tiffany Reid**

Age Progressed

Missing Since: May 17, 2004  
Missing From: Shiprock, NM  
DOB: Dec 2, 1987  
Age Now: 33  
Sex: Female  
Race: Am. Ind.  
Hair Color: Black  
Eye Color: Brown  
Height: 5'3"  
Weight: 115 lbs

Tiffany's photo is shown age-progressed to 29 years. She was last seen at home on May 17, 2004. Tiffany may still be in New Mexico or she may have traveled to Arizona or Mexico. She has a scar under her right eye and a scar on one of her arms. Tiffany's nickname is Kay-C.

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1-800-8435678 (1-800-THE-LOST®)  
Navajo Department of Public Safety - Shiprock District (New Mexico) 1-505-368-1350



Missing Child Age 17



Age Progression Age 29





# Biometrics

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DNA

CODIS (NDIS)

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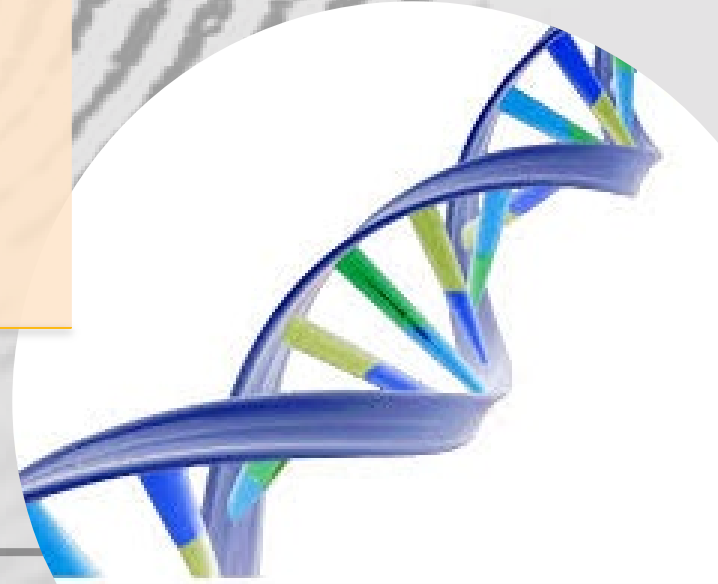
DENTALS

NCIC  
NamUs

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FINGERPRINTS

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NGI  
NamUs



# Analytical Resources

- Public records searches
- Open-source databases
- Social networking/media
- Information display & reporting
- Research & data analysis



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# Long Term Case Reviews

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- Group of professionals review case material and discuss case details, strategies and recommendations provided
- Virtual or in-person
- NCMEC HQ or on-site with local law enforcement
- Participants can include:
  - » cold case homicide detectives
  - » forensic professionals
  - » FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit
  - » NCIS Cold Case Agents
  - » Prosecutors knowledgeable in no-body homicide
  - » Search and Rescue specialist



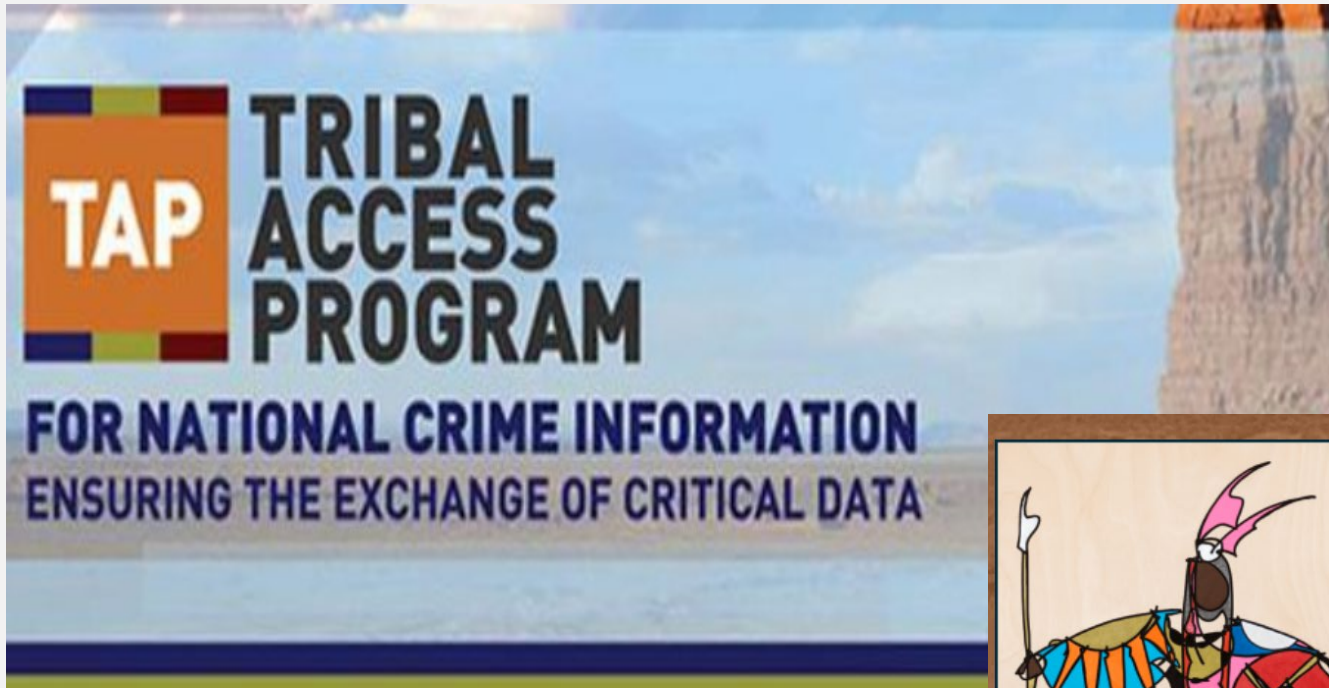
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The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives



# COORDINATED SUPPORT SERVICES

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# Family Support Resources

Assess & Evaluate

Types of Support Needed

Family Challenges

Moving Forward

Resources & Connections





# Concerns Parents May Have

**WILL MY CHILD EVER BE OK AGAIN?**

**HOW DO I DEAL WITH MY CHILD'S  
BEHAVIORS?**

**AM I A SAFE PLACE FOR MY CHILD TO  
SHARE?**

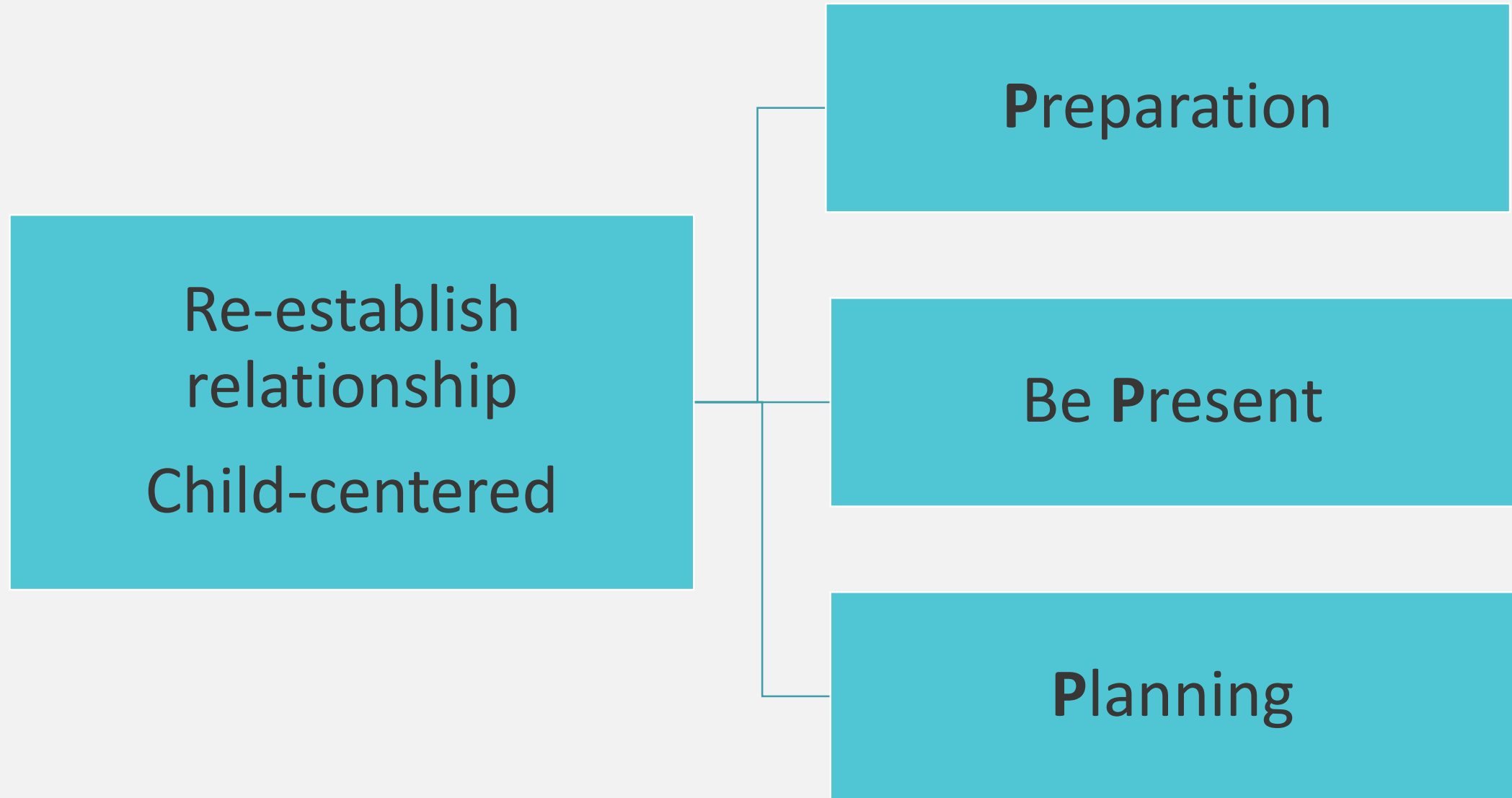
**HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD FEEL SAFE  
AGAIN?**

**HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO MY CHILD?**



# Family Reunification

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# Post Recovery Response

- Divided loyalties
- Lack of control
- Belief confusion
- Anger and Sadness
- Role and identity confusion
- Fear of abandonment
- Problems with trust
- Guilt
- Missing the life during the abduction
- Relief





## TEAM HOPE: PEER SUPPORT

- Tools and techniques for supporting referrals
- Stress management
- Team building skills
- Debriefing
- Diversity and cultural sensitivity
- Trauma
- Coping and self-care
- Challenges and success for supporting referrals
- Listening skills







**FAMILY ADVOCACY OUTREACH NETWORK**



# Family Resources

Get Help Now

## Is Your Explicit Content Out There?

24 Hour Hotline  
1 800 843 5678

Search Missing Posters    Make a Cyber Tipline Report    AMBER Alerts

Facebook   Google   YouTube   Imgur   Instagram   Microsoft   Tumblr   Twitter   Snapchat   TikTok   Kik

### Overview

Need help removing your nude or sexually-exploitive images or videos taken when you were a child from the internet? You can notify the company where your images are posted yourself and you can make a report to the CyberTipline for help requesting removal of your sexually-exploitive images/videos.

To report your sexually-exploitive images/videos to the CyberTipline, [click here](#). In your report, you will need to report the image location to NCMCEC. To do this, right click on the image and select either "Copy Image Location" or "Copy Image Address." In the CyberTipline report, make sure to say there are nude or sexually-exploitive images/videos of you online and you want help to get the images removed.

## Reconnecting with Your Child

Building Relationships After Suspected Sexual Exploitation



### Do's and Don'ts for Connecting with a Child After Trauma

#### DO

- Adapt
- Ask "what"
- Be Patient
- Learn
- Listen
- Move Forward
- Reassure
- Rely on Others
- Think

#### DON'T

- Ask "why"
- Assume
- Blame
- Get Stuck
- Interrogate
- Punish First
- Push for Answers
- Soldier on Alone
- Stay in the Past





# LET'S WORK TOGETHER IN EMPOWERING, SUPPORTING & ASSISTING FAMILIES

**THANK YOU**  
for all of your help and support. I was  
a wreck when I first called Team Hope,  
and you did truly, truly give me hope.  
- Parent of a missing child

## Professional Referrals

Families coping with a missing or exploited child may need help from therapeutic providers who understand how a family and community are impacted. Our Family Advocacy Outreach Network (FAON) is a diverse network of licensed mental health consultants who provide brief or ongoing therapeutic care on a sliding-fee scale or at no charge. This network is international in scope, and **we seek professionals with expertise in family trauma to join us.** To learn more and apply to join our network, visit [MissingKids.org/FAON](http://MissingKids.org/FAON).

## Family & Community Assistance

Master's level trained specialists work directly with families on the unique challenges facing them to reunite, rebuild and reconnect. Our dedicated child and family advocates strengthen families by offering telephonic support, crisis intervention, educational outreach and assistance to families, communities and other professionals.

*"I feel so blessed and honored to be associated with such a great agency and group of people who are caring for children and families during this most difficult time."*

- FAON volunteer



## Peer Support

There are thousands of parents today who don't know where their children are or who have discovered their child has been sexually exploited. We support families as they navigate this unimaginable, traumatic journey. We pair these family members and caregivers with people who've experienced the pain of having a missing or sexually exploited child. These volunteers, known as Team HOPE, provide peer support, coping skills and compassion to families.

## Reunification Assistance

Reuniting a family with a recovered missing or exploited child can be difficult and challenging. We offer wide-ranging resources to families and children, including travel assistance, mental health services and peer support.



For more information, contact  
**1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)**

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# Victim Reunification Travel (VRT)

- Grant provided by Office for Victims of Crime
- Travel is used to bring internationally abducted children back to the U.S.
  - Pick up orders/return orders
  - Participate in foreign country's court proceedings
  - Can cover flights, hotel and meals if approved





# Domestic Reunification Travel Assistance

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- Donations from private partners
- Guidelines for travel assistance approval
- Coordination with law enforcement or social services
- Coordination with other NPOs



# CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING RECOVERY SERVICES TEAM



- Specialized case-based assistance to child welfare professionals, law enforcement, and other MDT members for children missing from care who have been exploited through CST
- Promising practices in recovery planning
- Connection to local and national specialized services for CST
- Resources and support on meaningful youth engagement, effective approaches to trauma responses, strategies to address running behavior, and safety planning

Email [RecoveryServices@NCMEC.org](mailto:RecoveryServices@NCMEC.org) to request assistance



# Recovery Planning

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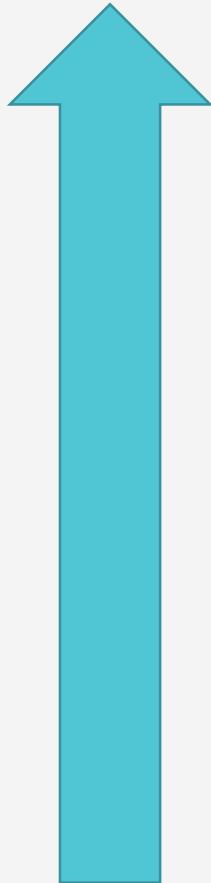
CST cases are complex and child survivors of sex trafficking have experienced severe and multiple traumas

- Advanced recovery planning and preparation can
  - » Mitigate challenges and barriers
  - » Adjust and inform expectations
  - » Increase victim rapport
  - » Build trust that can lead to better interviews & case outcomes
  - » Establish a team capable of providing immediate victim resources
  - » Connect victim to appropriate services
  - » Increase potential for youth engagement in services



# Recovery Services Team (RST) Approach

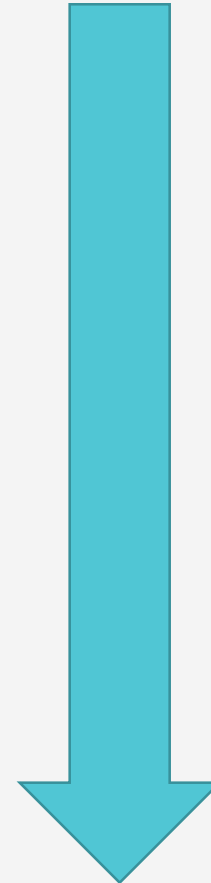
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- Direct support to child welfare professionals, LE, & other MDT members around specific missing children

Bottom-Up Approach

To change individual knowledge, attitudes, behavior



- Training, protocol development, providing resources & tools to improve system responses

Top-Down Approach

To change systems



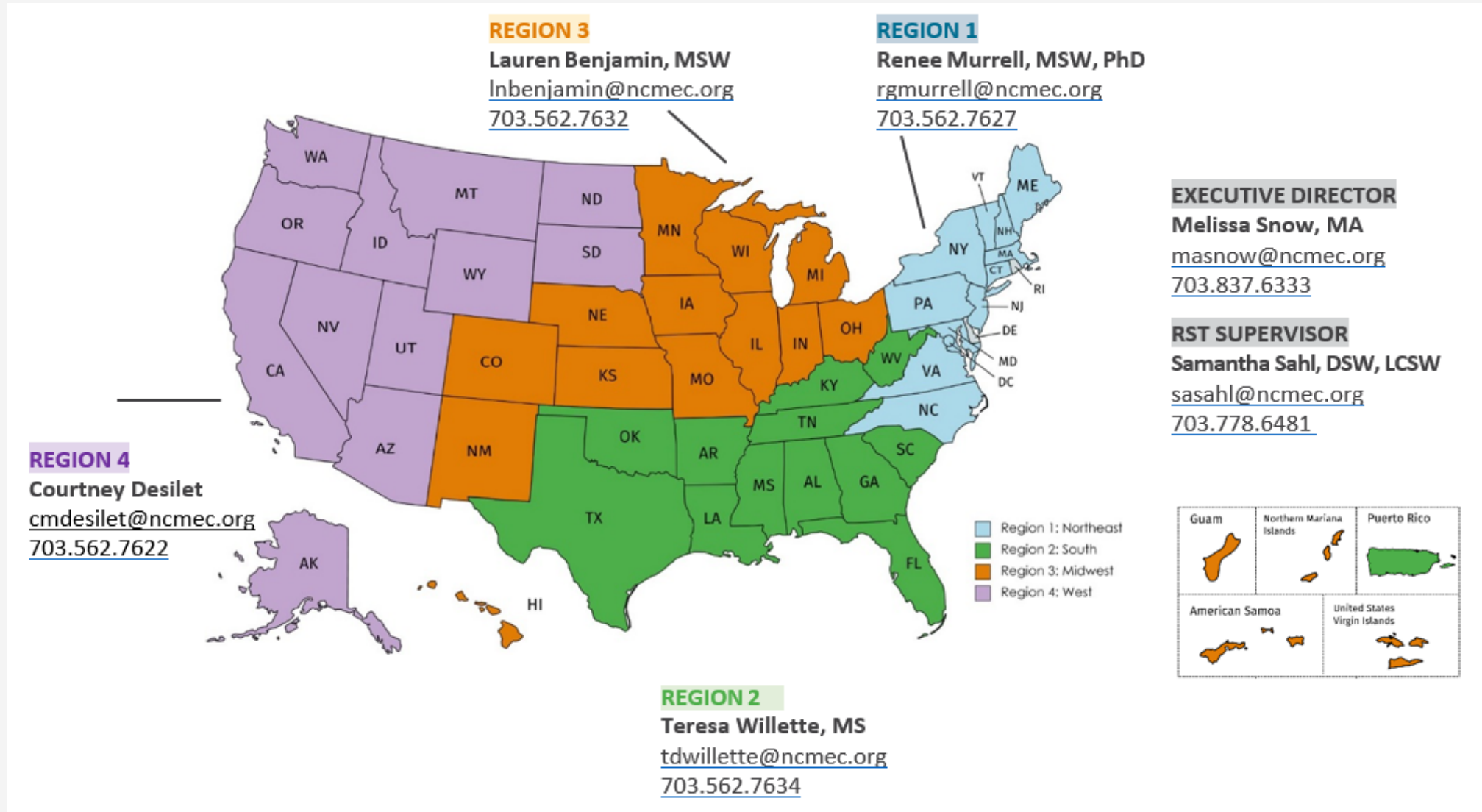
# RST Case-based Assistance

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# Recovery Services Team Nationwide



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