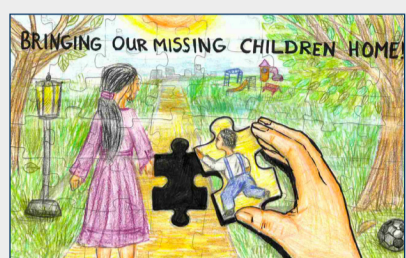




41st Annual National Missing Children's Day



2024 Poster Contest Winner
Hanna L. from South Carolina

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children's Day. Each year, the U.S. Department of Justice commemorates National Missing Children's Day with a ceremony honoring the heroic and exemplary efforts of agencies, organizations, and individuals to protect children. NCJTC's [Missing and Exploited Children's Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) is proud to play a significant role in coordinating the activities leading up to and during this prestigious event. Learn more about this initiative at ncjtc.org/mcd.

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NCJTC Executive Director,
Brad Russ with Hanna L.

What's New at NCJTC?



AMBER Advocate

The AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) is pleased to share with you the [58th edition of The AMBER Advocate](#) magazine!

The second issue of 2024 features:

Highlights from the 2024 National AMBER Alert & AMBER Alert in Indian Country Symposium in New Orleans.

The phrase "One team, one fight" (coined there by Hawaii AMBER Alert Coordinator Amanda Leonard) underscored the collective mission of hundreds of child protection professionals and subject matter experts in attendance.

A moving story about a handmade quilt created by Pamela Foster, the mother of Ashlynnne Mike (namesake of the Ashlynnne Mike in Indian Country Act) for AATTAP Project Coordinator Derek VanLuchene. "We are both survivors...connected by an invisible thread," Foster says.

An inside look at the high-profile child abduction and recovery case involving 9-year-old Charlotte Sena in New York—one that emphasizes the need for prudent alerting decisions.

A Q&A with Jolene Hardesty of Michigan, who served on the Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC) and shares key takeaways from the NIAC's findings just in time for National Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Month (May) and National MMIP Day (May 5).

Briefs on AMBER Alert and other endangered missing persons work underway across the U.S., within Indian Country, and internationally.

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New Training Opportunities

[Presenting Evidence in Child Forensic Interviews](#)

July 8 - 9 | Dallas, TX
September 9 - 10 | Live Online

[Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases](#)

July 29 - 30 | Aurora, CO

[Conducting Child Abuse Investigations](#)

August 19 - 23 | Sandy, UT
September 23 - 27 | Houston, TX
November 18 - 22 | Nashville, TN

[Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation](#)

August 26 - 27 | Georgetown, TX
October 7 - 8 | Firestone, CO
November 18 - 19 | Beaumont, TX

[Conducting Unexplained Child Death Investigations](#)

August 26 - 29 | Cleveland, OH
October 22 - 25 | Wichita, KS

[Community Approaches to Sex Offender Management](#)

August 27 - 28 | Live Online
December 3 - 4 | Live Online

[Criminal Connections: Child Exploitation Material and Child Sexual Abuse](#)

September 9 - 10 | Houston, TX
November 11 - 12 | Clive, IA (Des Moines, IA area)

[Beyond Google - Discovering Online Resources in Investigations](#)

September 16 - 17 | Orlando, FL

[Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides](#)

September 16 - 17 | Pocatello, ID
November 11 - 14 | Live Online

[Current Drug Trends](#)

September 23 - 26 | Live Online
November 12 - 15 | Live Online

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

September 23 - 25 | West Bend, WI

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

October 15 | Live Online
November 19 | Live Online

[Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking](#)

October 21 - 24 | Lakewood, CO

[Reimagining Policing: Strategies for Building Community Relationships that Last](#)

December 17 - 18 | Live Online

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NCJTC in the News



2024 National Missing Children's Day Lauds Family Survivors, New Resources, Inspiring Child Protection Efforts



"The AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program was honored to be invited by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator Liz Ryan and other

OJJDP leadership to facilitate a discussion with the families of missing and murdered children. We discussed ways to improve law enforcement response, preparedness, family support, and protecting children. Bringing the important perspectives of both parents and siblings, they bravely and earnestly offered their personal stories and messages of hope for those facing the same unthinkable situation." – Janell Rasmussen, Administrator, AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.

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In case you missed last month's newsletter focused on Child Abuse Prevention Month, [click here](#).

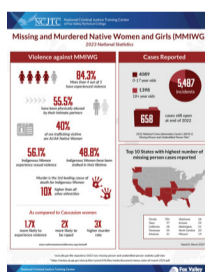
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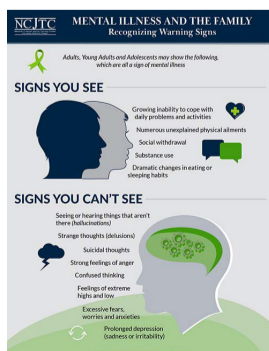
May Resources



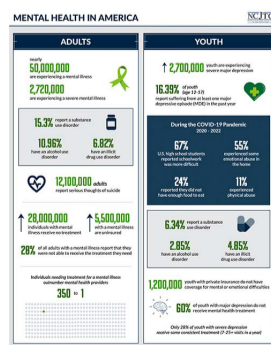
May 5 is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. Did you know 40% of victims of sex trafficking are identified as AI/AK Native women? Create more awareness of this growing national concern!

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