

# COMPASS

*Moving Forward Together*

## Safer Internet Day - Starting a Conversation About Online Safety

The internet can be both a blessing and a curse - providing valuable opportunities for learning and connection, but also posing significant risks, including child exploitation, human trafficking, sextortion, and cyberbullying. Protecting children online requires awareness, proactive safety measures, and ongoing education. At NCJTC, we offer specialized training to help safeguard children from online threats and equip professionals with the skills to use digital resources in investigations.

Specialized training aside, here are some general tips for protecting children online:

- **Monitor online activity** and be aware of apps/games/websites being used
- **Stay informed with emerging threats**, trends and new apps
- **Teach children** how to recognize manipulative tactics used by predators
- **Have open conversations** and encourage kids to recognize red flags and report anything suspicious
- **Set privacy controls** and use parental controls

## Access to critical mobile device training has expanded

For the first time, two highly requested live, instructor-led training courses that were previously limited to select audiences are now available to all law enforcement professionals through our contracting program.

*As threats evolve and caseloads increase, expanding access now ensures more professionals can train before these skills are urgently needed.*



### [Investigative Considerations with iPhone® and Other iOS® Devices](#) | April 8

Discover how to identify critical iPhone® and Apple Watch® evidence before a forensic exam. This course covers key usage data, search functions, Screen Time, synced passwords, and protections, helping you collect actionable evidence efficiently.

### [Investigations of Android® Devices & the Google Ecosystem](#) | April 22

Learn how to uncover critical evidence on Android® devices and within Google accounts before a forensic exam. This course shows you what to collect beyond photos and messages (including usage data and system artifacts) so you can support investigations with complete, actionable information.

**Now Open to ALL Law Enforcement** (previously limited to specialized teams)

## IN THIS EDITION:

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## TIME IS RUNNING OUT 3 WEEKS AWAY

### Court Safety and Security Conference

March 24 - 26, 2026  
Appleton, WI

#### What you'll gain

- Effective strategies and best practices to foster a **collaborative courthouse security philosophy**.
- **Tools and guidance** from state and federal court-security experts on planning, jury/witness safety, and threat assessment & management.
- **Insights into** current and emerging trends, lessons learned from real-world cases, and experiential/interactive learning opportunities.

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER**  
[ncjtc.org/css](https://ncjtc.org/css)

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# NCJTC Impact

## The ICAC Task Force Program - At Work

*Our investigative tools help to rescue tens of thousands of children from further exploitation each year*

In recognition of Safer Internet Day (held annually on the second Tuesday of February) we proudly support the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and the critical, life-saving work they do in the name of child protection.

[LEARN MORE](#)

The [Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program \(ICAC\)](#) is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing more than 5,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies across the U.S. This program serves a diverse group of public safety professionals including: law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic analysts and examiners any many other criminal justice professionals affiliated with the ICAC Task Force Program.

**200K +**

investigations conducted in 2024

**12K +**

offenders arrested thanks to the ICAC Task Forces

**27**

years of protecting children from predators



adaptation to new forms of exploitation



ongoing research for tool enhancement



Source: <https://www.icactaskforce.org/>

### Did You Know?

- ✔ We have been a trusted ICAC training and technical assistance provider for the federal government since 2003?
- ✔ The ICAC Program has at least one electronic storage detection (ESD) K-9 in almost every state?



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*“I want to share the good news with you and inform you that because of your class and teaching, we were able to save a child.”*

# Around the Nation

## Where We've Been

### 2 Death Investigation Trainings in Nashville, TN

**Suspicious Death Investigation** - February 9-10 Suspicious Death Investigations training in Nashville, TN brought together investigators from across the country to analyze real cases, discuss critical decisions, and explore mistakes that can leave deaths unresolved.

Interested in attending this training? View upcoming opportunities [HERE](#)

**Advanced Strategies for Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence** - February 11-13 brought together 40 professionals across law enforcement, prosecutors, child advocacy, first responders and more who trained to strengthen coordinated, survivor-centered domestic violence response.

New training date just announced for December! [Learn More](#)



### ONLINE - Following the Evidence in Child Abuse and Child Exploitation Cases

*Another impactful, collaborative training complete.*

50+ child protection professionals from across the country strengthening skills, sharing insight, and enhancing responses that protect children. Thank you for your continued commitment to this work and for trusting National Criminal Justice Training Center with your professional development.

## Where We'll Be - Don't Miss these March Conferences

### NCAC - 42nd International Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville

NCJTC is proud to attend and have 3 subject matter experts present at this conference. Will you be attending? Don't miss these powerful sessions from [March 16-19, 2026](#).



Importance of Choice, Consent and Control in Presenting Evidence in Forensic Interviews

**Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW**  
Deputy Administrator, National Criminal Justice Training Center



Survivor Stories: From Abduction to Advocacy

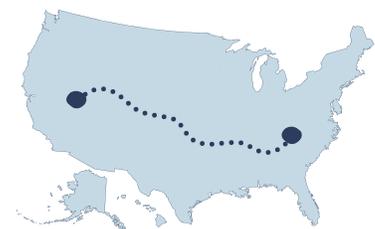
**Dr. Noelle Hunter**  
Associate, National Criminal Justice Training Center



Nothing to Show: Utilizing Verbal Evidence to Transition to Topic

**Jennifer Sherfield** - Associate, National Criminal Justice Training Center

Beyond the Technical: Enhancing the ART of Interviewing



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# Upcoming Opportunities



## Expanded NCJTC Online Training is LIVE

We've opened registration for four **NEW** and **UPDATED** courses across multiple disciplines – from advanced forensic interviewing in complex child sex trafficking cases to investigative strategy, mobile device analysis, and online exploitation offenses. *Every course is practical, field-tested, and built for immediate application.*

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**Expanded Opportunities to Meet Growing Demand**

[Responding to Sextortion Related Offenses Against Children](#) | May 7

**Brand New 3-Hour Intensive for Forensic Interviewers**  
[Advanced Peer Review for Child Sex Trafficking Cases](#) | April 9

## Still time to Register for March and April Events

Don't wait any longer - these seats are filling fast for high-demand classroom training!

[Child Homicide Investigations](#)

March 23-24 | Columbia, SC

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

March 31 | Live Online

[Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides](#)

March 25-26 | Columbia, SC

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

April 20-21 | Everett, WA

[NCJTC Sexual Assault Investigation Academy](#)

April 20-24 | Luling, LA

[17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

April 21-23 | Las Vegas, NV

[Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy](#)

April 27-28 | Moncks Corner, SC

[Fire and Explosion Related Death Investigations](#)

April 27-28 | Sturgeon Bay, WI

[Investigating and Prosecuting No Body Homicides](#)

April 27-28 | Denver, CO

[Verbal De-Escalation and Conflict Resolution](#)

April 30 | Live Online



## Did You Know?

We can come directly to YOUR facility to [host](#) our most highly-sought after training courses!



Did you miss the last issue of the NCJTC Compass? [Read the January issue!](#)



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