

COMPASS

Moving Forward Together



Internet Safety Month

The ICAC Task Force Program recognizes the importance of prevention programs and prioritizes collaboration with partners. Anyone with prevention programming is encouraged to review and assess their existing materials and work with their partners, organizations, communities, families and youth to share information on technology safety and to #StartTheConversation.

PAWS. Think Twice. Stay Safe Online

June is Internet Safety Month—a reminder that protecting children online starts with awareness, education, and conversation.

The ICAC Task Force Program's Public Awareness Working Group developed the PAWS: Think Twice campaign to help children, parents, caregivers, and educators recognize online risks and make safer choices in the digital world.



[Watch and share this important K9-themed video](#) with your community.

[REC] Did you miss the June webinar? Check back in July for the recording of **Video Games and Your Child: Spotting Red Flags and Staying Safe Online.**

In today's digital world, video games are a central part of many children's lives, but they also come with important safety considerations. This webinar is designed to help parents better understand the online gaming environment and recognize potential risks their children may encounter.

Hear from Experts

Hear from past and present NCJTC Associates regarding Online safety and exploitation prevention

NCJTC Associate Dana Miller, a former ICAC Commander with 15+ years of experience in online safety and exploitation prevention, shares her perspective on preparedness and ways to sharpen your team's response to child exploitation and better support the families in your community. [Hear from Dana](#)

Retired ICAC Commander, Joe Laramie, speaks on how many of today's biggest online risks are hidden within the apps children and teens use every day. Learn how these platforms work, how to start meaningful conversations about online safety, and what steps to take when something doesn't seem right. [Gain valuable insights from Joe, who has more than 30 years of experience.](#) View the key resources below:

- ▶ takeitdown.ncmec.org
- ▶ [Thorn's Discussion guides for Parents](#)
- ▶ [Explore Internet Safety - ICAC Resources](#)



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NEW Dates for Internet of Things Training

[Internet of Things: Criminal Investigation Considerations](#)

October 20 | November 12
December 3 | Live Online

[Internet of Things: Privacy Concerns: What Communities Need to Know](#)

October 22 | November 24
December 10 | Live Online

NCJTC August Conference

Serving Victims of Crime Conference
August 18-20 | Appleton, WI

Join victim service professionals, advocates, law enforcement, healthcare providers, prosecutors, and community partners for a dynamic conference focused on enhancing support for victims of crime. Through expert-led sessions, practical strategies, and collaborative discussions, attendees will gain valuable tools to strengthen victim-centered services, address emerging challenges, and improve outcomes for the individuals and communities they serve.

[Learn more and Secure Your Spot](#)

Upcoming Technology Training Opportunities

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

July 21 | October 14 | Live Online

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

July 28 | October 15 | Live Online

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

July 28 | November 2 | January 26, 2027
Live Online

[Casting the Digital Footprint](#)

September 14-15 | Everett, WA
December 7-8 | Bay Harbor Islands, FL

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

September 14-15 | Newark, OH
November 2-3 | Anaheim, CA

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

September 28-30 | Battle Creek, MI
November 2-4 | Hewitt, TX

Upcoming Webinars

Internet of Things (IoT): Maximizing Persuasion: Creating Powerful Visuals and Multimedia for the Courtroom
[Part 1 - September 23](#) | [Part 2 - September 24](#)

[Digital Doorsteps: Advanced Ring Data Recovery](#)

October 22 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

[Signals, SIMs, and Satellites: Decoding Cellular GPS Tracking Technology, A Case Study](#)

November 10 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CT

Recorded Webinars

[Connected Vehicles for Law Enforcement](#)

[Digital DNA at the Crime Scene: Leveraging Mobile Signals to Uncover the Truth](#)

[From Call to Court: How Technology is Revolutionizing Crime Solving](#)

[IoT Trackers](#)

The Internet, Technology, and the Crime Scene: Considering the "Electronic Witness" - [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)

[View All Technology Related Training](#)

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Impact - NCJTC Presents at National Events

National Sheriff's Associate Conference

Building a Child Abduction Response Team (CART)



Derek VanLuchene, National CART Program Manager for the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP), shared his professional expertise with a deeply personal perspective shaped by a lifelong commitment to protecting children and supporting families impacted by child abduction.

Every minute matters when a child is abducted. This presentation examines how law enforcement agencies can enhance their readiness to respond to high-risk missing and abducted child incidents through the development and sustainment of Child Abduction Response Teams (CART).

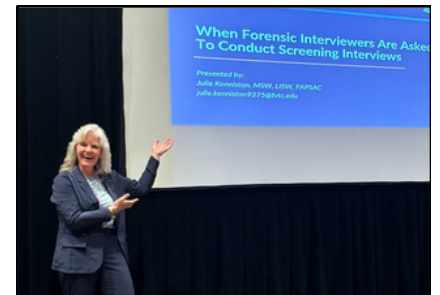
Drawing upon national best practices, real-world case experiences, and lessons learned from hundreds of CART assessments, trainings, and deployments across the country, attendees will gain practical insight into building multidisciplinary partnerships, establishing operational protocols, and maintaining response readiness. The session will explore the U.S. Department of Justice CART model, the critical components of successful team operations, and the importance of coordination among law enforcement, emergency management, victim services, search and rescue, communications, and prosecutorial partners.

Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children - 33rd Colloquium

We were proud to have Deputy Administrator Julie Kenniston, MSW, LISW, FAPSAC, represent NCJTC in New Orleans at [APSAC's 33rd Annual Colloquium](#).

Julie brings more than 15 years in child protective services and has conducted well over 3,000 forensic interviews in the context of multidisciplinary teams. She led rooms of professionals through the challenges of screening interviews, shared practical strategies for situations that are often complex, nuanced, and without clear models to follow.

NCJTC is proud to support efforts that strengthen child protection across the field.



ICYMI: Tell Us Your Story - Episode 04

Being a voice for children when they need it most.

Episode 4 is ready for your viewing. In the latest Tell Us Your Story episode, we sit down with Detective Sergeant Brian Barber, of the Erie Police Department, on the front lines of child abuse and neglect investigations to explore the realities of the work, the challenges they face, and why their efforts matter to communities everywhere.

For Detective Sergeant Barber, the job is about more than investigations—it's about advocacy. He focuses on crimes against children, including sex offenses, abuse cases, and unexplained child deaths. For the past four years, he and one other detective have worked out of the Erie County Children's Advocacy Center, alongside forensic interviewers and child protective services professionals, as part of a multidisciplinary team built around one goal: protecting children.

[Watch now](#) to hear a powerful story of how training helped turn experience into greater impact. Thank you for being a part of these important conversations and for helping us spread the word about these impactful stories.

TELL US YOUR STORY 



Every day brings important decisions and real stakes, even when the work goes unseen. **We want to help share those stories.** If NCJTC training played a role in your work, we'd love to hear about it! Share your story [HERE](#).

Snapshots from Recent Events

AMBER Alert

Region 3 Liaison Meeting on May 27th in Lebanon, Ohio.

A huge thank you to Sheriff Barry Riley of the Warren County Sheriff's Office - Ohio for hosting us, and to our featured speaker, Sylvia Colon (co-founder of Clevelandmissing), for sharing such impactful insights.

These meetings are all about the power of teamwork. AMBER Alert Coordinators and Missing Person Clearinghouse Managers from across the Midwest came together to collaborate on the latest trends and best practices in emergency alerting.

It was wonderful to have in-person attendees from Ohio and Wisconsin, and we were equally energized by our virtual participants joining us from Iowa, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota!



Interested in learning more about our regions or seeing where you fit in? [Explore our interactive map here.](#)



The AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) team was honored to visit San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 9-10!

We held two specialized training sessions with the Policía de Puerto Rico covering "Introduction to Missing Children Incidents" and "Search and Canvass Operations in Child Abductions."



"It's an honor once again to bring training to Puerto Rico's Police Department," said Yesenia Leon-Baron, AATTAP Project Coordinator. "As a territory, Puerto Rico is leading the way in their response to missing and exploited children."

NCJTC offices will be closed June 29 - July 3 for Summer Break.

We will be back to serve you on Monday, July 7.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July.



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