



Spotlight on Sexual Exploitation

Why Kids in Care are at Risk, How NCMEC can help Protect and Recover Them, and How We Can All Prevent Victimization

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Texas Regional Office



Help **prevent** child abduction and sexual exploitation, including trafficking. Help law enforcement **recover** child victims.

Educate children, families, schools and the larger community in Texas on keeping children safer online and offline.

Train and provide technical **assistance** to law enforcement personnel and others who investigate crimes against children.



NCMEC's Mission

NCMEC's mission is to help:

- Find missing children
- Reduce child sexual exploitation
- Prevent child victimization



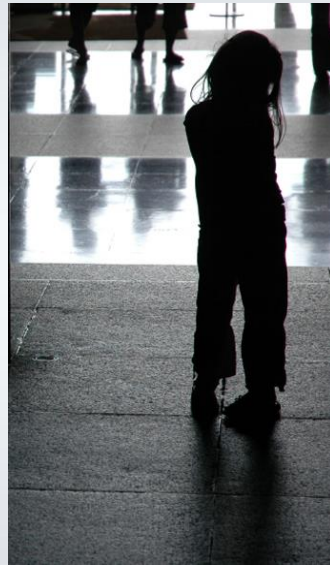
Missing Children

Endangered Runaways
Children Missing from Care



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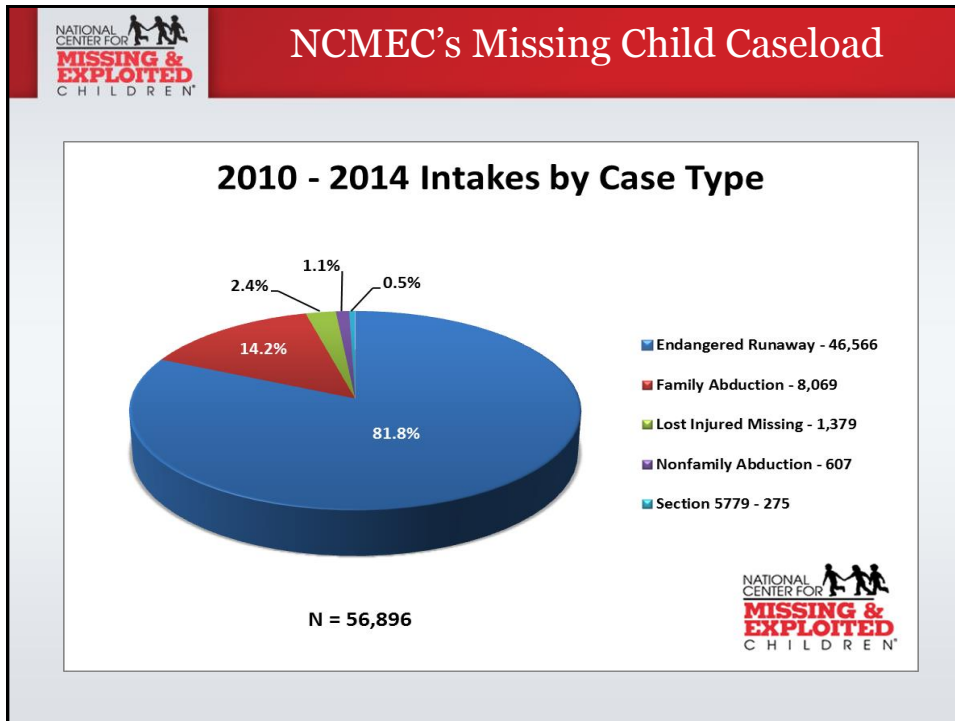
In 2014, more than 466,000 missing child cases were entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC).



NCMEC's Missing Children Division

- 1-800-THE LOST (843-5678) 24/7 hotline
- Assisted in recovery of more than 211,000 children since 1984
- Case managers work with law enforcement and families of the missing child





Children Missing From Care

Preventing Sex Trafficking & Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 4980)

- Locate and respond to children who run away from foster care
- Identify, document, report, and determine services; use information collected to prevent sex trafficking
- Provide more “normalcy” activities for children; require prudent parent standard for foster care
- Increase efforts to achieve permanent homes, rather than long term foster care

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Children Missing From Care


For children who run away from foster care, the states shall:

- 1) Develop specific protocols for locating a child, determine primary factors for running away, and screen child's experience while absent from care
- 2) Immediately (never less than 24 hours) report information on missing children both to law enforcement and NCMEC



<http://cmfc.missingkids.org/home>

The screenshot displays the NCMEC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES', 'REPORT A MISSING CHILD HERE', and 'WHAT WE DO'. Below this, a 'Helpful Information: Making a NCMEC Report' section features a photo of a woman in a call center. To the right, a 'Search for Missing Children' form is visible, including fields for 'Searching for:' (Child, Abductor, Unidentified), 'Sex:' (Male, Female, Unknown), and name fields (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name). There are also fields for 'Missing From:' and 'Missing Date:', and a 'Submit' button at the bottom.



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Online and Offline



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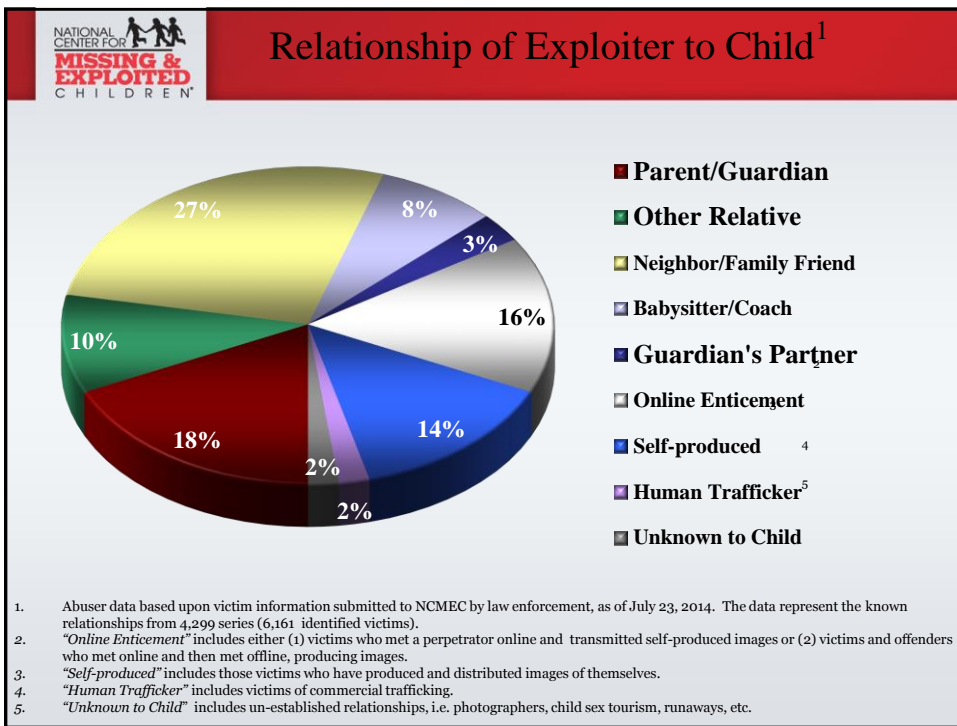
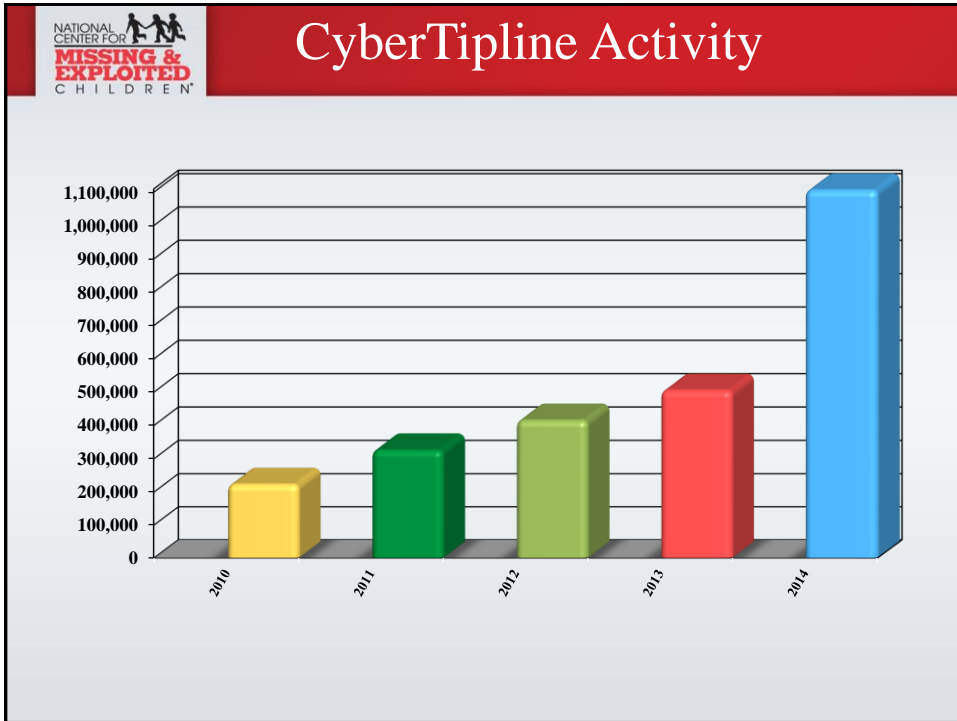
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National clearinghouse for information on sexual exploitation crimes against children.

Electronic Service Providers are required to and members of the public are encouraged to report several categories of child exploitation and online abuse.



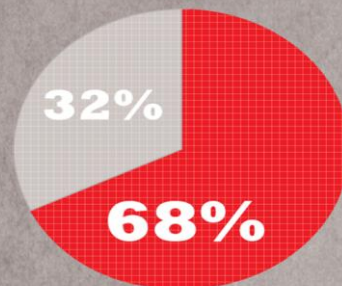
1. Abuser data based upon victim information submitted to NCMEC by law enforcement, as of July 23, 2014. The data represent the known relationships from 4,299 series (6,161 identified victims).
2. "Online Enticement" includes either (1) victims who met a perpetrator online and transmitted self-produced images or (2) victims and offenders who met online and then met offline, producing images.
3. "Self-produced" includes those victims who have produced and distributed images of themselves.
4. "Human Trafficker" includes victims of commercial trafficking.
5. "Unknown to Child" includes un-established relationships, i.e. photographers, child sex tourism, runaways, etc.

Internet Safety Risks for Children

- Posting personal or inappropriate information
- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Online predators
- Trafficking

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

1 in 6 runaways in 2014 were likely sex trafficking victims



68% of these likely sex trafficking victims were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran.

Recruitment Tactics

Child victims are targeted for their vulnerabilities

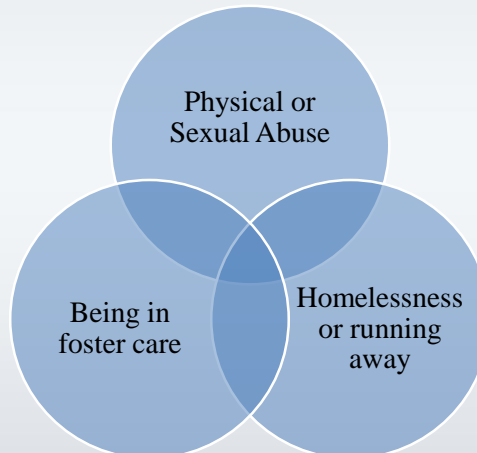
- Enticed with promises of [love](#) and luxury
- Believed they were in a real relationship with an “older boyfriend”
- Tricked and lured by other victims



Child victims are targeted in specific locations

- Social networking sites, shopping malls, bus stations, schools, **foster care/group homes**
- Areas known for prostitution-related activity and strip clubs

Most Vulnerable Children



Information provided by the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force

Traffickers and Technology

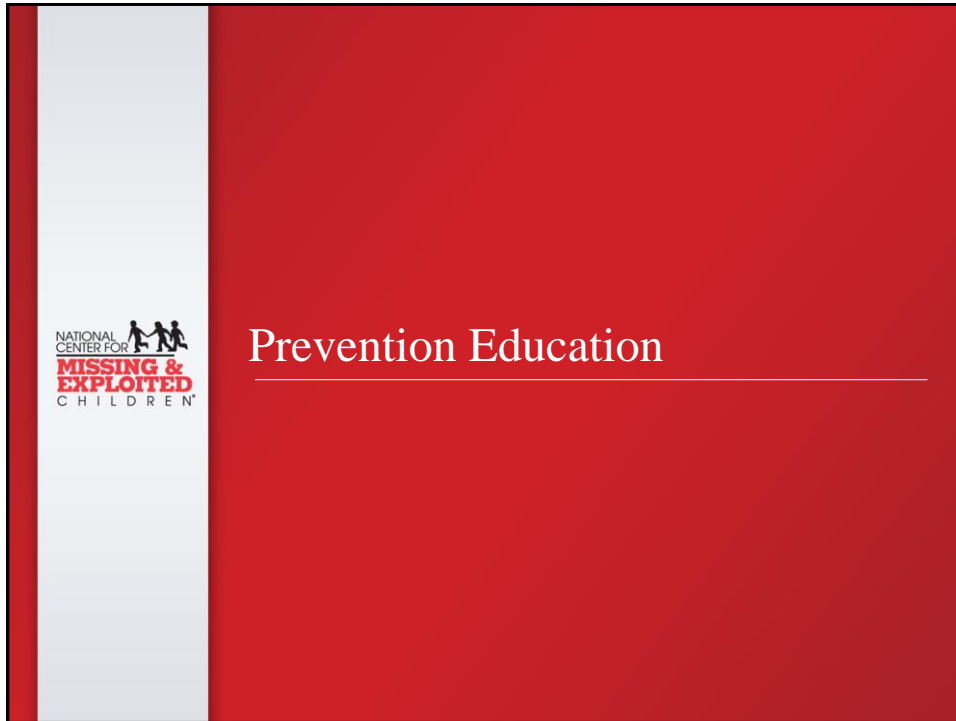
Technology allows traffickers to more easily:

- Make contact or stalk victims
- Groom and recruit victims
- Control victims
- Employ sexting or sextortion tactics
- Advertise and market victims
- Connect with potential buyers
- Complete transactions
- Move victims
- Maintain authority
- Distance the trafficker from the crime



Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT)

- **Identify:**
 - Missing child case is reviewed for CST indicators, provided to a NCMEC case manager and analysts support LE investigation and recovery efforts
 - CyberTipline reports regarding possible child sex trafficking are received and referred to LE for investigation
- **Locate:**
 - Missing posters are created/targeted and leads are received by the 24/7 call center
 - Public and private database search for victims, traffickers, associates
- **Recover:**
 - Recovery planning and support offered to law enforcement, DFPS, victims, families: Melissa Snow, msnow@ncmec.org



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Spotlight on Exploitation Trainings for Child Welfare

- CPS, CASA, AALs, Foster Care Agencies and Families, Prosecutors, Foster Care Alumni, Schools, Juvenile Justice personnel, etc.
- **Recognize, Address, Prevent** sexual exploitation of kids in care
- Local child welfare stakeholders collaborate and find local solutions to reduce vulnerability

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NEW PREVENTION TOOLS

NETSMARTZ STUDENT PROJECT KIT

ONLINE SAFETY IT STARTS WITH YOU!

Teaching Digital Citizenship
Online Educator
Training Program



- Digital literacy & ethics
- Inappropriate content
- Online sexual solicitation
- Online privacy
- Sexting
- Cyberbullying

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Thank you!

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