

# OJJDP's Missing and Exploited Children Resources

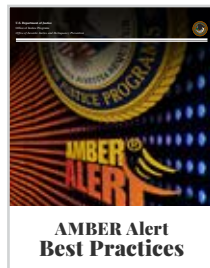
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The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides resources to help families whose children are missing or exploited, and to assist law enforcement and child service providers as they work to find these children.

## Publications

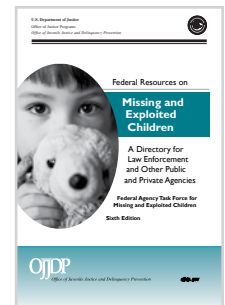
### **AMBER Alert Best Practices Guide**

Provides AMBER Alert coordinators with information needed to manage both a specific alert and their overall AMBER Alert program. Topics covered include AMBER Alert criteria for missing and abducted children; law enforcement response; leveraging all media: broadcast, websites, social media, and wireless; and AMBER Alert in Indian country.



### **Federal Resources on Missing and Exploited Children: A Directory for Law Enforcement and Other Public and Private Agencies, Sixth Edition**

Describes the federal services, programs, publications, and training sessions that address child sexual exploitation issues, child pornography, child abduction, Internet crime, trafficking, and missing children cases.



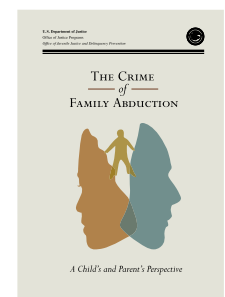
### **A Law Enforcement Guide on International Parental Kidnapping**

Describes the role of law enforcement as the initial responder and investigator; discusses applicable laws, treaties, and legal remedies for child recovery and reunification; and outlines considerations for criminal prosecution and extradition of offenders.



### **The Crime of Family Abduction: A Child's and Parent's Perspective**

Provides the searching family, law enforcement, and mental health professionals with strategies to build a comprehensive, child-centered approach to recovery and healing. Also available in Spanish.



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### National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children Series—

Examines data and trends on this population of youth in the United States.

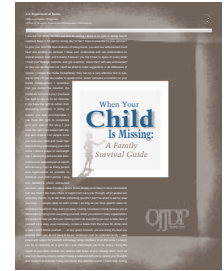
### What About Me? Coping With the Abduction of a Brother or Sister—

Contains information to help and support children of all ages when their brother or sister is kidnapped, such as what children can expect in terms of the feelings they may experience and the events that may occur from day to day.



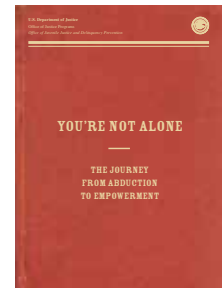
### When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide—

Provides parents and guardians with information on what families should do when a child is missing, explains the role that various organizations play in the search for a missing child, and discusses some of the important issues that need to be considered. Also available in Spanish.



### You're Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment—

Provides personal stories and information from child abduction survivors to help other survivors cope with their own experiences and begin the healing process.



## Additional Resources

### National Center for Missing & Exploited Children—

Serves as an information clearinghouse and national resource center on issues related to missing and exploited children. The center operates a toll-free hotline (800-THE-LOST) and provides resources, technical assistance, and prevention services to victims, families, and the public, as well as support to law enforcement agencies in cases involving missing and exploited children.

[missingkids.com/home](http://missingkids.com/home)



### AMBER Alert—

The AMBER Alert program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies, and the wireless industry to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. Resources available from the website include fact sheets, a toolkit for raising awareness, and training and technical assistance.

[amberalert.gov](http://amberalert.gov)



### National AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program—

This program helps to safely recover missing, endangered, or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of law enforcement, media, transportation, and other partners using training and technology to enhance response capacities and capabilities and increase public participation.

[amberadvocate.org](http://amberadvocate.org)