

Our Mission

To safely recover missing, endangered, and abducted children through the coordinated efforts of law enforcement, media, transportation, and other partners by leveraging training and technology to enhance response capacities and capabilities to increase public participation. As of December 31, 2023, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), reports [1,200 children have been safely recovered](#) as a direct result of the AMBER Alert program.

Our Partners

[State, Tribal and U.S. Territory AMBER Alert Coordinators and Missing Person Clearinghouse Managers](#), as well as Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Coordinators and other law enforcement representatives working in child protection. Our [Regional Liaisons](#) work with designated geographic regions including all states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, Tribal communities, Canada, and Mexico to provide training and technical assistance (TTA).



Our Work

With more than 20 [onsite/classroom and self-paced eLearning courses, as well as live webinars and other virtual training opportunities](#), in the past decade alone, we've reached over 90,000 people in every state, as well as numerous tribal communities, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Guam, Greece, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Portugal, Italy, Ecuador, and Belgium.

The [Child Abduction Response Team \(CART\) Network and CART Certification](#) initiative has brought strategic technical assistance, classroom and online training, and U.S. Department of Justice Certification to developing and established CART programs for nearly more than 15 years. Our CART efforts have reached 48 US states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Canada, Jamaica, and Italy, thus far.



The Allegheny County Child Abduction Response Team (CART) was certified by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at a formal presentation in December. [Click to read the full story!](#)

The [AMBER Alert in Indian Country \(AIIC\) Initiative](#) assists Tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover endangered missing or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the Tribes and their local, state and federal partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation in protecting children. Through state implementation planning, specialized onsite and online training, distribution of custom-designed technology toolkits, and more, AIIC furthers the commitment and efforts of Tribal and state law enforcement and other child protection professionals in working together to protect children in Indian Country. The [Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018](#) amends the PROTECT Act (Public Law 108-21), and reauthorizes the AMBER Alert grant program in providing guidance and coordination between Tribes and states to access and integrate with state AMBER Alert plans.

Practitioner-Field Informed Needs Assessments bring together experts in the field from across the nation who represent urban, rural, and disadvantaged communities and jurisdictions. We listen carefully to their perspectives and experiences toward incorporating their learning and practices in our Endangered Missing Children (EMC) and Child Abduction Response Team (CART) curriculum development. EMC assessments convene missing persons detectives to inform training aimed at those who investigate cases and provide other system services to Endangered Missing Children. Topics include best approaches to investigative scenarios; defining the life cycle of a runaway case; and best practices for recoveries, identifying criminal acts by exploiters, and securing evidence. CART assessments convene CART commanders from both active (certified and non-certified) and inactive teams to identify, discuss, and problem-solve issues related to CART development, implementation, sustainability, and certification.



Members of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (front row center) joined child protection/law enforcement partners from Virginia and New York—and Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia—to outline key considerations for creating a successful AMBER Alert plan. [Click to read the full story!](#)

AATTAP's **U.S. Borders and Territories, and International work** is committed to foundational, strategic collaboration with law enforcement and other child protection initiatives for both established and developing AMBER Alert and Endangered Missing Children programs. AATTAP has worked with the Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement and international delegates from Serbia, Bosnia, and Dominican Republic to begin implementation of AMBER Alert in those countries. In collaboration with the US Embassy in Mexico City; the US DOJ Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT); Fiscalía General De La República (FGR), and state AMBER Alert Coordinators, protocols have been developed toward the creation of Protocolo Alerta AMBER, a federally administered comprehensive child recovery program which is consistent with programs in the U.S. and Canada. 2023 Northern and Southern Border Initiative events included a Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training in Puerto Rico, and a Northern Border focus group to administer a needs assessment and discuss current trends with missing and abducted children along the U.S.-Canadian border, with the goal of improving investigative approaches and responses to cross-border abductions.

Development and updates to **AATTAP-OJJDP Publications** is an ongoing focus of AATTAP's work to bring mission-critical resources to its AMBER Alert network partners, law enforcement and child protection professionals in local communities, and the families of missing and abducted children. Visit the [AMBER Alert Resources section of the AMBERAdvocate.org website](#) to view and download the tools and information most important to you.

The Results

AATTAP training evaluation results from AATTAP's top-three most-attended courses over the past grant year (Child Abduction Response Team Training; Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents; and Search and Canvass Operations in Child Abductions) offer an example of feedback received from participants in key areas of increased and applied knowledge and skills. On average, **95%** of respondents say they have found AATTAP courses both productive and satisfying and have **gained new insights and information** they can apply to improve their work, and to advocate for change and improvements within their agencies. **95.32%** of participants felt the course **increased their knowledge in the subject area**, and **95.41%** of participants said they will be able to **apply the information or skills obtained from the course in their profession**. Read more about what training participants are saying about AATTAP's courses and resources on the [homepage of AMBERAdvocate.org](#).

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