

IN THEIR WORDS

"It takes a community. It doesn't take just one individual, agency, or organization to help someone heal and begin rebuilding their life. Thank you for your support and encouragement. It has made all the difference to our family."

— Father of recovered child

"Thank you for not giving up on me and for seeing the worth and value in my life that I never saw on my own. Now I see myself fighting against the crimes that failed to take my life from me and becoming an advocate for those with no voice."

— "Marie," youth survivor, now attending college

"Your unwavering support is the most remarkable thing I've ever experienced. It reminds me that we're not meant to carry burdens alone."

— Mother of recovered child

"I was so used to people dropping my case when I went missing. Finding Kids never gave up on me. That was the last time I let the trauma cycle control my life."

— Youth survivor



To learn more or to submit a case requiring our support, please visit findingkids.org

Finding K'ds

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FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

LET'S FIND EVERY ONE.



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ABOUT FINDING KIDS

Finding Kids hires private investigators and retired law enforcement to recover missing youth, especially those at risk of exploitation. Our Aftercare team provides care for families through personal guidance and practical support as they rebuild stability at home. Services are provided at no cost to families, child welfare or law enforcement.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AFTERCARE

"Every day our youth and families show us how the human spirit can triumph and rise above even the most difficult experiences. Despite the painful pasts they have endured, they refuse to give up. All we need to do is continue to show up."

Michelle Guymon

Director of Aftercare and Community Engagement

IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

PARENT ADVOCACY

Parent Advocates are parents with lived experience who understand the challenges families face when a child goes missing or has experienced exploitation. They provide support, guidance, resources, and encouragement to help parents and caregivers navigate their child's recovery and healing journey.

SURVIVOR ADVOCACY

Survivor Advocates provide trauma-informed support to youth, using their lived experience to build trust, foster resilience, and connect them to resources that support restoration and a healthier future.



WHEN YOUR CHILD GOES MISSING

The first 48 hours are critical. Take these steps immediately:

- Dial 911. Report your child missing to your local law enforcement agency. Don't Wait.
- Inform officers if you believe your child may be at risk to themselves or others.
- Provide recent photographs and a detailed physical description.
- Record the case number, assigned detective, and contact information.
- Ask law enforcement to issue a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) bulletin and ask for help notifying local media to help distribute information.

ADDITIONAL STEPS

- Call NCMEC at 800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678) to help distribute your child's photo nationwide.
- **Contact Finding Kids at findingkids.org and complete the online Case Intake Form.**
- Check your child's room, belongings, and devices for details such as notes, messages, social media activity, or recent contact and activity.

DOCUMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Clothing your child was wearing
- Their social media accounts and usernames
- Recent locations and financial activities
- Phone numbers and online contacts
- Personal items they may have taken
- Recent behavioral changes or concerning interactions with you and others

STAY ORGANIZED

- Designate one person to answer the phone and communicate with investigators.
- Keep a notebook or digital record of tips, calls, and questions.
- Take care of yourself. Your child needs you.

WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUPS

HELPING OTHERS THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (H.O.P.E)

H.O.P.E. is a 10-week workshop and support group for parents and caregivers, covering trauma, teen behavior, rebuilding trust, managing anxiety, preventing exploitation, and creating stability.

Weekly parent support groups in English and Spanish provide:

- A sense of community
- Opportunities to learn coping strategies and self-care techniques
- A space for parents to share emotions without judgment

COACHING

Coaching Support offers personalized assessments, one-on-one coaching, and referrals to community resources that promote healing and stability. Coaches empower youth to build on their strengths, develop healthy coping and life skills, and support parents and caregivers in strengthening communication, understanding trauma, and fostering family reunification and long-term success.



RESTORATION FUNDS

Restoration funds address urgent family needs such as:

- Basic needs support
- Short term housing stability
- Vocational training
- Youth enrichment activities

