



About Child Find

MISSION

Child Find of America, Inc. is a national not-for-profit charity that works to prevent and resolve all cases of missing and abducted children.

Each year Child Find receives between 15,000–20,000 calls for help from searching families, law enforcement, children and educators. Child Find's efforts positively impact thousands of children and directly bring hundreds to a safe and legal environment.

HISTORY

Child Find was founded by a mother of a missing child when there were no laws about parental/family abduction and limited response from law enforcement.

Child Find has played a significant role in the creation of laws that now make all forms of child abduction a crime; in establishing a national clearinghouse to assist law enforcement investigations; in the increased attention given to missing children cases; and in the designation of May 25th as National Missing Children's Day.

Since its inception, Child Find has expanded its scope of services to provide investigation, prevention, mediation, conflict resolution, education, information & referral and support to families in crisis nationally and internationally.

Child Find of America is recognized as a national expert in the prevention and resolution of parental/family abduction.

DONATE WITH CONFIDENCE

On average each year, Child Find spends 90¢ of every dollar donated directly on providing program services.

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Since 1980**



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ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE FREE

Location Service

1-800-I-AM-LOST, Child Find of America's toll-free helpline, receives more than 5,000 calls for assistance each year. An in-house location staff investigates each case of a missing, runaway or abducted child using computer technology, the Internet and a massive national network of partners, including local law enforcement agencies, the FBI, state missing children clearinghouses, schools and other non-profit organizations. Photos of missing children are disseminated nationwide through the support of hundreds of media outlets, other businesses and volunteers who post, circulate print or air Child Find missing children posters.

Run Away? No Way!

Run Away? No Way! is a multi-faceted prevention program for middle school youngsters, custom-designed for them by Child Find of America in collaboration with their teachers, their parents and agencies serving their communities. Designated funding is required for this prevention program and has been provided in the past by the New York State Department of Education, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Target Stores and others. The collaboratively-designed programs vary from community to community based on local needs.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL— Child Find has developed a comprehensive information and referral network and an extensive library that serves parents, educators, law enforcement and human service professionals on a daily basis.

Child Find works year round to educate about missing children issues, how to keep kids safe and what to do in times of crisis.

15,000 Calls Each Year From:

- Parents searching for their runaway children
- Parents afraid their child is about to run away.
- Parents with visitation who haven't seen their kids in years
- Parents whose ex-spouse took off with the kids as soon as the divorce was finalized.
- Parents who suspect their child has met a predator on the Internet.
- Parents whose child has just disappeared.
- Grandparents who want to see their grandchildren again.
- Young adults who suspect they were parentally abducted as a child.
- Attorneys who are working on their first abduction case.
- Community groups who want advice on child safety education programming.
- School administrators who suspect a student has been abducted.
- Parents who want to know what they can do to be prepared "just in case" an abduction occurs.
- Victims of domestic violence who have run with their children.

CAPSS Child Abduction Prevention and Support Services

1-800-A-WAY-OUT, the CAPSS toll-free helpline, connects families impacted by child custody crisis, parental abduction and denied visitation to a wide array of services including prevention action, conflict resolution and mediation, co-parenting planning, legal advocacy, comprehensive case management, educational resources and more. On-staff professional mediators have extensive experience in divorce, custodial and family mediation on a national and international level.

PARENT HELP

By calling **1-800-716-3468**, dads and moms parenting apart and dealing with problems sharing kids, visitation, custody and child support receive free and confidential telephone assistance. Services offered include those of the CAPSS program as well as parenting and fatherhood education, conflict services, crisis intervention and relationship coaching.

For more information, visit the PARENT HELP website: www.parenthelp-ny.org

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Bringing Missing, Runaway & Abducted Children Home Since 1980

With your support we offer America's Families:

- Free search, location & referral services
- Free kidnapping prevention programs
- Free nationwide poster distribution
- Free mediation & support services

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PUBLIC EDUCATION—Child Find's educational materials are readily available to individuals, schools and community organizations. Press releases, articles and interviews with local and national media bring attention and awareness to the issues. In-service training of allied professionals also increases understanding and strengthens our ability to prevent and resolve missing children cases. Child Find's website provides free access to many of our materials.