

Bringing
Missing Children Home
Since 1980

ANNUAL REPORT 2009





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A MESSAGE FROM CHILD FIND'S PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"There's no place like home..."

- ...unless your dad is unemployed.
- ...unless your mom can't find work.
- ...unless there's not enough heat or food.
- ...unless your family is about to be evicted.

The National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse recently reported, "Crimes against children rise during difficult economic times. The current recession is impacting that reality."

When families are stressed financially they need more services. And when the financial resources of service providers are limited, programs are cut, putting even more kids at risk.

States and cities around the country are reporting 5 to 40 percent increases in child abuse cases. And the news is full of stories of family violence, parental child abductions and despair.

For the past 29 years, Child Find of America has worked with families in crisis. Each year we receive thousands of calls for help from families in all fifty states. Some need information and referral services; others need help with a teen threatening to run away from home. Dads and moms call daily with concerns over Internet safety and online sexual predators. Moms want to know how to get dad to pay child support. Dads want to know why they can't see their kids. Moms and dads both call frantic that the other parent has abducted their child to another city, state or country.

May 26, 2010 will mark the 30th Anniversary of Child Find of America's founding. It will mark 30 years of providing cost effective, free telephone based services to prevent and resolve child abuse, child abduction and missing children cases – all through the support of individuals, businesses and foundations.

It is only with this continuing support that more children will be safe... at home.

Elizabeth M. Baker President



Donna Linder Executive Director



UPDATE: parenthelp

Child Find's Parent Help program, funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, for three years has been focused on promoting responsible parenting and preventing parental abduction by improving relationships between separated parents. The Parent Help Program is first being tested in New York State with a goal to develop a model that Child Find can reproduce in all states. In 2010 Child Find will extend Parent Help's scope of services nationwide.

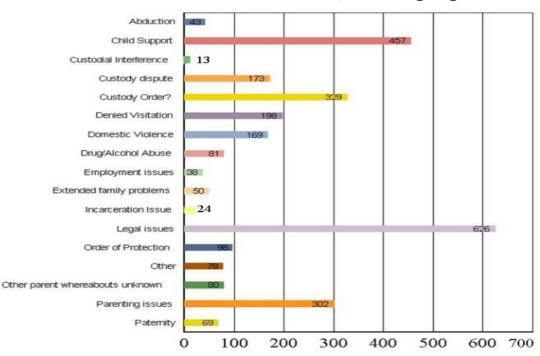
We ask callers, "What's going on?"

SINCE PHONE LINES OPENED IN JUNE 2007, PARENT HELP HAS FIELDED OVER 6000 CALLS, RESULTING IN MORE THAN 1000 CASES.

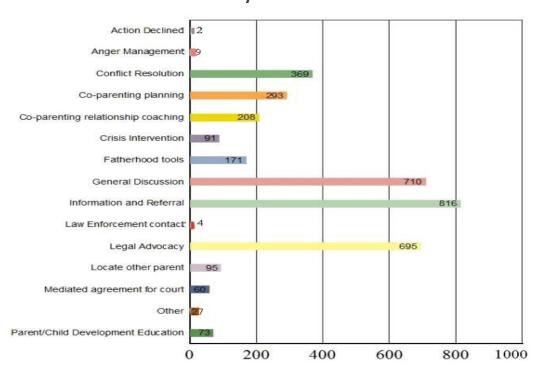
CASES REQUIRE AN AVERAGE 3 TO 4 HOURS OF SERVICE.

MOST CALLERS ARE PARENTS (50% MOMS AND 50% DADS).

PARENT HELP ALSO RECEIVES CALLS FROM: GUARDIANS, CAREGIVERS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, STEP-PARENTS, AND OTHER AGENCIES.



Callers tell us what they want to work on.



Services created to help our callers:

CRISIS INTERVENTION

LEGAL ADVOCACY

CONFLICT RESOLUTION &

MEDIATION

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

PARENTING EDUCATION

LOCATION





FROM OUR parenthelp CASE FILES

rick/the paternity test

Rick called Parent Help requesting information about obtaining a paternity test in regards to his two children. After discussing his situation in depth with a caseworker, it was learned that his estranged wife had recently informed their 15-year-old daughter that she may not be his child. Their daughter in turn shared this exchange with her 13-year-old brother. Rick began to doubt whether or not he was in fact the father of either child. By the time he called Parent Help, he was intent upon discovering the truth.

During Rick's involvement with Parent Help, many issues were explored, including how this experience and his stated plans for a paternity test might emotionally affect his children. Before long, he was confronted with the reality of this issue when his estranged wife called him to tell him that she no longer wanted custody of their son. Rick chose to move back to New York State to care for his son in an environment and school he was familiar with. Not long after this, he found that his 15-year-old daughter was also soon to be moving in. Balancing this new responsibility with his original goal of establishing paternity quickly made the services of Parent Help very useful for Rick. He remains connected with our program through discussions about parent-teen mediation, finances, and his options regarding custody in family court.

jake/child support fraud

Jake called Parent Help with questions and concerns about several issues pertaining to his son's child support arrangement. The Parent Help caseworker learned that Jake had been paying child support through an agency called Child Support Nationwide. Further inquiries found that Child Support Nationwide represented itself as the Office of Child Support Services of Kentucky but was, in fact, a private company engaged in fraudulent practices. Much to Jake's surprise, money he had assumed was being used to support his son was actually being sent to an illegal account.

With this knowledge in hand, the Parent Help caseworker partnered with Jake in addressing the matter with his employer's payroll. Documentation regarding the fraudulent practices of Child Support Nationwide was shared with his payroll. This eventually resulted in his employer not only halting all garnishments, but also providing Jake with some reimbursement.

Jake says he is very grateful for Parent Help's Services, and is glad he called for a number of reasons. Jake's other stated goal was to establish increased visitation with his son, who lived in Kentucky with his mother. The caseworker effectively diffused his anger towards his son's mother over this situation - an emotion that if acted upon could have compromised his larger goal. Parent Help is encouraged to hear recent news that his son would now like to live with him in New York.

martha/edgar

Martha called with many questions and concerns about child support in regards to her family's situation. She has three children in common with her ex-partner, Edgar. Her two older daughters resided with her, but her son was with his father in Ohio through an unofficial agreement made outside of court. She had not seen nor spoken with her son since he moved in with his father. Martha was receiving \$29 a month in child support for her two daughters, was engaged to marry a new partner, and planned on moving to a new state. She wanted to know how her plan to move, and the addition of her fiance's income would affect her child support order. She also wanted to know if the children's father could get child support from her once she married.

Beyond questions about child support, discussions with Martha expanded to cover other concerns. She stated she felt that Edgar was punishing her by denying her access to her son. Things were fine between her and Edgar until their eldest daughter got an STD, and mom had it treated without telling dad. After discussing options, Martha asked that the caseworker contact Edgar to talk with him.

The caseworker contacted Edgar and discussed his experience with the situation. It was learned that he planned to petition the court for custody, and a discussion was had around what this could mean for all involved. He also talked about his concerns over Martha's new partner's violent treatment of his son, along with his concerns over his daughter's irresponsible internet activity.

When the caseworker was relaying this information back to Martha, Edgar called and Martha unexpectedly placed him on a three way call. A mediation took place, during which safety issues regarding the children, custody, respect and blame were discussed. The mediation brought the two parties to a more relaxed, hopeful way of dealing with one another. Each party was able to express concerns and anger, and they were reminded that they're very capable of being loving good parents. They both understand that no longer blocking communication between mother and son, and father and daughters is important and will ultimately benefit all involved.





FROM OUR parenthelp CASE FILES

rafael/maribel

Rafael and Maribel are not legally married. They were dating and had never lived together. They had a 4-week-old daughter together, and his ultimate goal with Parent Help was to create a workable parenting plan without having to go to court. A caseworker contacted Rafael to learn a bit more about his situation, then emailed him a "Parenting Apart" packet designed to provide a starting point for Rafael's goal.

In continuing discussions, he shared that he felt that Maribel had cheated on him in the past, and that he believed that she was planning to move to out of state. Rafael was encouraged to remain considerate of Maribel's beliefs and emotions, and to communicate gently and honestly with her about his concerns. In addition to this, the caseworker also discussed both parents' options utilizing the local mediation center and the Parent Help program.

In a follow-up discussion with Rafael, he shared that Maribel had not moved away and that he had actually had his daughter overnight on a few occasions. He and Maribel had also agreed to formalize a parenting plan when their daughter was 3 to 4 months old, and very much wanted help with this from Parent Help. Rafael was very interested in having Maribel be more open to the program's engagement, and said he'll be utilizing the Parenting Apart Packet in the near future.



PARENT HELP & CAPSS: THE BENEFITS OF SERVICES BY TELEPHONE Conflict services provided by telephone are:

SAFE, RISK-FREE & PRIVATE

- Parties not comfortable engaging help are more likely to pick up a phone.*
- Adolescents are more likely to speak on the phone.*
- Victims are more likely to speak openly on the phone.
- There is greater self-revelation and openness when caller identity is protected.

IMMEDIATE

- Parties who need a one-shot intervention are more likely to make a phone call*
- Parties in emotional crisis are more likely to make a phone call than an appointment*
- There is immediate reduction of crisis-induced anxiety, improving problem-solving skills.*
- There is immediate de-escalation of a pending crisis or conflict
- We provide immediate referrals, information & education
- There is NO APPLICATION PROCESS

CONVENIENT, UNINTERRUPTED & UNIMPEDED

- We can engage distanced parents, working intercounty, interstate and even international cases
- Parties do not need to take time off from work to address issues
- There are no geographic* or physical mobility limitations
- We are able to share cases, giving more access and more caseworker skill sets. This means we provided a holistic approach to a caller's needs.
- A caller may imagine the caseworker/mediator as s/he prefers which is referred to as positive transference.

VOLUNTARY

- We can engage non-compliant parties (who don't show up for parenting classes, mediation, etc.)
- We can increase compliance with agreements or plan of action since the outreach is voluntary
- Batterers are more likely to speak openly on the phone
- There is a good deal of openness in hearing the caseworker's thoughts







^{*}Source: Crisis Intervention and Counseling by Telephone by David Lester



FROM OUR CAPSS CASE FILES

When the Hotline Rings...

... HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - TWICE

Mom, Devina, from Illinois, called Child Find in August 2009 concerning the return of her six year old son, Cornell for which there had been no court custody established. In 2008 she had made a mutual agreement with Cornell's dad, who lived out-of-state, for them to share the child six months in each home. But after the dad's initial six month period was up, he refused to return Cornell. Devina tried police intervention, to no avail. That is when Devina called Child Find. We helped her with her legal options, rights and requirements, monitoring the case with the court clerk and local law enforcement. Child Find opened up conversations with Dad — who, after reviewing his own right to start a case, decided to turn the child back over to Devina. At first Dad was reluctant to return Cornell so close to the Christmas holiday because preparations had been made. The Child Find case manager mentioned his own family would sometimes celebrate Christmas early if they



knew they could not be together on the actual day. The Dad thought that was a great idea. Consequently, a solid reunification plan was established with the date, time and location mutually agreed upon well in advance. Child Find counseled both parents about their behavior – particularly regarding each other – when dealing with Cornell before, during, and after the exchange. As a result, the reunification went extremely well. Mother and child were back together as of December 19, 2009. Further court proceedings will occur to legally solidify the rights of Cornell and both of his parents.

When the Hotline Rings...

... FROM THE DESK OF A CASE MANAGER

On a typical day at Child Find the Support Services hotline rings with another desperate voice on the phone saying something like, "Can you help me find my child? I called several other places and no one wants to help me. Not even the police. Since my ex was the abductor, they say it's a civil matter. They say I have to go to court and get custody. But nobody will help me do that. Can you help me?"

The answer is, "Yes, we can help."

From the case where a parent is being denied visitation to the case of full international child abduction, and everything inbetween, Child Find is here to help. Other agencies require a court custody order. Quite often law enforcement requires a court order. At Child Find of America, there is no requirement of a custody order. There is no requirement of a visitation order. Of course we work with those court cases, but we also take on the family cases the other agencies do not.

In the case of parental child abduction, the predicament for the devastated left-behind parent is overwhelming and can seem impossible to deal with. "I have been a single parent raising my child by myself for five years. My child was just snatched away by my ex and brought clear across the country. I cannot believe the police will not help. I didn't think I needed a court order. I have no idea what to do."

Or the case where the parent calls and starts telling a terrible tale of their child abducted to Mexico, England, Germany, Canada, Greece, Egypt, France, and on and on. "Where do I start? Can you contact them for me?"

And of course, we often offer mediation over the telephone. Cases can and do get resolved through talking. We talk about possible solutions and air out hard feelings. Or sometimes it's the legal system that must be traversed. Most of the time, our callers cannot afford an attorney and cannot even get a legal aid attorney. The system is overworked and rife with red tape. Child Find's skilled professional staff of mediators, social workers and lawyers offers support, legal options and legal advocacy. Our team works together, pooling our areas of expertise to come up with the best way to proceed in order to achieve the best possible results for each case. We work as liaisons with law enforcement and government offices. We make referrals to other professional agencies that deal with specific issues - as was the case in a recent and much publicized international abduction to China.

And yes, it can get very stressful dealing day-in and day-out with so many distraught and frustrated families – and acting as that liaison with impatient bureaucrats. So what keeps us going? Quite simply the relief in a parent's voice when they call: "My child is home now. No one would even talk to me until I got you on the phone. Thank you so much." And of course when we get a card or email with an attached photo of a reunited child and parent beaming at the camera, well, that's the icing on the holiday cake.







FROM OUR CAPSS CASE FILES

International Abduction Averted

On September 8, 2009, Lourdes called Child Find from Nicaragua. She had found our website and contact information on the internet. An American citizen, Lourdes explained that she and her two young sons were staying with relatives, having left the US three months earlier due to financial difficulties. She was calling now because she needed help with her court custody case stateside. Because she missed her original court date, a Failure to Appear Warrant had been issued for her arrest. The judge attached to it a recommended \$5,000 bail. Initially, the Child Find caseworker spoke to Lourdes about contacting the boys' father, Brad, and setting up mediation. Child Find contacted Brad who said he might be interested in going ahead with community mediation if Lourdes were to return with the children. In subsequent calls to Nicaragua, Child Find worked on Lourdes' plan to return. She and her caseworker placed a three-way call to the court to discover the status of her case, which resulted in finding out she still had full custody of the children. The caseworker discussed her returning to re-establish herself and the children in the states by moving in with her sister, enrolling the boys in school, seeking continued medical care for her younger son's chronic health condition, going to the court to have the warrant lifted, and scheduling visitation with Brad. Before her return Lourdes' court-appointed attorney agreed to walk her into court to take care of the warrant, but when the time came, the attorney refused to accompany her until the next scheduled court date in November. Lourdes wished to take care of the warrant immediately.

The Child Find case manager laid the groundwork for Lourdes to appear in court without legal representation. He called the court and spoke to the defender-based advocate, the clerk of the court, the family court bureau chief, the sheriff's department and the judge's assistant. He also wrote a letter for Lourdes to bring to the judge about her participation in our program. Lourdes appeared in court, her sons in tow. The warrant was lifted and she was free to take her children home with her. The same day the law guardian interviewed the children and Child Protective Services interviewed Lourdes and the boys.

Subsequently, Brad has seen the children at his home and both he and Lourdes have been back in court regarding further proceedings such as psychological evaluations and law guardian updates. At that time, Brad was not interested in community mediation. In the meantime, Lourdes kept in contact with her Child Find case worker, making counseling referrals, going forward with getting her own apartment and employment. When the case came to trial, Child Find provided support and discussed legal options. When the law guardian finished the interviews of the children, Lourdes was given a favorable opinion.

As of December 29th, 2009 the parties have reached a legal agreement sanctioned by the court, reached in part with the help of Child Find counseling Lourdes concerning her agreement opportunities. Brad and Lourdes now share joint custody of their children, with Lourdes being awarded primary custody. Travel with the children is possible on an asneeded basis with both parties signing written agreements for specific travel plans. This will allow Lourdes to continue to bring the children to Nicaragua to see relatives and for the Brad to travel with the children to Oregon where he and his relatives reside. The case is a win – win for all parties. Brad's parenting time has been extended and Lourdes is allowed to travel with the children. Consequently their boys are enjoying the love and attention of both parents and their extended families. It is important to note that this case completely avoided the pitfalls of the criminal justice system. If Lourdes had not picked up the phone and called Child Find, this case could have easily become mired in another international nightmare.

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CHILD FIND OF AMERICA FACTS & STATS

OUR MISSION:

- To locate missing children through active investigation
- To prevent child abduction through education
- To resolve parental abduction through mediation, conflict resolution and support services

OUTREACH TO FAMILIES IN CRISIS: CHILD FIND connects with those who need our assistance through letters, personal contacts, posters, public service announcements, press releases, distribution of CHILD FIND materials to various audiences nationwide, including law enforcement, court and legal services, non-profit organizations and United Ways, school personnel, social service agencies, media and Internet.

CONTACTING CHILD FIND: Parents of missing or runaway children and those involved in custody and/or visitation disputes directly contact or are referred to: **1-800-I-AM-LOST** or **1-800-A-WAY-OUT** or **WWW.CHILDFINDOFAMERICA.ORG**.

AN A+ IN FISCAL MANAGEMENT: Child Find is proud that its sound fiscal management and effective programming has earned high praise from charity watch groups, the media, law enforcement and social service agencies. On average, each year Child Find spends 90 cents of every dollar donated on providing program services. In fiscal year 2008-09, 95 cents/dollar went to programs. Because of this outstanding efficiency, Child Find has consistently earned an A+ rating from the *American Institute of Philanthropy*.

ABOUT OUR MISSING CHILDREN

- Most missing children are runaways.
- More than 1.5 million children run away from home each year.
- Most return home within weeks.
- 5,000 runaways die on the streets each year.
- 58,000 children are victims of non-family abductions, with 115 children victims of stereotypical kidnapping by a stranger.
- Most abducted children are taken by a parent or family member in violation of a court decree, custody order or other legitimate custodial rights.

HISTORY

Child Find was founded in 1980 by the mother of a missing child in upstate New York when there were limited law enforcement responses to missing children and no laws about parental/family abduction. Little was understood about the devastation child abduction has on the child.

Over the years Child Find has greatly expanded its scope of services, providing prevention, education, mediation, conflict resolution, investigation, information and referral and support services to families in crisis here in America and internationally in more than a dozen countries. Child Find prides itself in being a national expert in the prevention and resolution of parental/family abduction.

Child Find has played a significant role in the creation of laws that now make all forms of child abduction a crime; in the establishment of a national clearing house to assist law enforcement in their investigations; in the establishment of May 25th as National missing Children's Day and in the increased media attention given to missing children cases. In 2002 Child Find's Executive Director was invited to speak at the first White House Conference on Missing and Exploited Children.

MISSING CHILDREN



LOCATED

since publication



LAST SEEN: MAY 30, 2008 BRUNSWICK, GA – CASE # 6669-P

2008-2009 STATS

LOCATION:

- During the past fiscal year there were:
 - o 23 new cases registered
 - o 6 cases closed

There are currently 62 open LOCATION cases

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION & SUPPORT SERVICES:

- At the end of the fiscal year:
 - 89 new cases involving 99 children were opened
 - 4 cases involving 10 children were closed
 There are currently 398 open CAPSS cases







S) CHILD FIND OF AMERICA

ALL PROGRAMS & 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 multifaceted prevention program for middle school youngsters, customdesigned 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.

18,000 Calls This 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.
- · Parents who need services when their



CAPSS Child Abduction Prevention & 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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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.

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.









FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF AUDITED REVENUES & EXPENSES

Fiscal Year June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 Fiscal Year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009

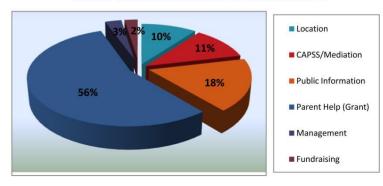
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Fundraising

		2009	2008
REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions		\$257,654	\$218,139
Federal Grant		\$254,572	\$286,127
Interest & Dividends		\$27	\$17
Unrealized Gain on Securities		(\$93)	\$91
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT		\$512,160	\$504,374
EXPENSES & LOSSES			
Program Services		\$427,780	\$454,974
Supporting Services		\$24,787	\$33,962
TOTAL EXPENSES & LOSSES		\$452,567	\$488,936
NET ASSETS			
Change in net assets		\$59,593	\$15,438
Net Assets Beginning of Year		\$52,213	\$36,775
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR		\$111,806	\$52,213
EXPENSES DISTRIBUTION			
Location	10%	\$45,960	\$30,471
CAPSS/Mediation	11%	\$50,379	\$61,145
Public Information	18%	\$79,716	\$81,959
Parent Help	56%	\$251,725	\$281,399
Management	3%	\$13,783	\$22,609

95% OF REVENUE IS ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMMING

2%



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RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD: WHEN DAD'S IN THE GAME, KIDS WIN



Hudson Valley Fatherhood Alliance

While the research shows that children benefit when they have fathers in their lives, many young fathers grew up without fathers of their own. Many of these same fathers are challenged by economic, legal, and family issues that make it difficult to establish or maintain relationships with their kids.

A group of nonprofit and government agencies, businesses, and interested professionals have been meeting informally over the past few months, sharing information and resources related to supporting young men in becoming better fathers. We want to expand that conversation to others.

HVFA's Goals

- Raise professionals' consciousness about the role agencies play in supporting positive fathering
- Gather information about currents strengths and gaps in existing services for fathers
- Determine whether there is a need for a longer term Hudson Valley initiative to strengthen positive fathering through an alliance to provide on-going resources and support to HV agencies and/or direct service to fathers. If the answer is yes to #3, what form should it take?

← Pictured left, Child Find of America's Executive Director spoke at the *New York State Fatherhood* Initiative conference. Parent Help staff conducted a workshop there and also at the *Prevent Child Abuse New York* conference.

Below, Parent Help staff conducted and participated in breakout sessions during the *Hudson Valley Fatherhood Forum* coordinated by Child Find of America with funding from the Dyson Foundation. As a result of the forum and subsequent dialog, the *Hudson Valley Fatherhood Alliance* (HVFA) was formed.





FOUND



Missing from: NC Found in NC 09/2008

FOUND



Missing from: FL Found in FL, 04/2009

A gift to Child Find, in honor of important events in the lives of family and friends is a meaningful and fitting remembrance. Those moments we mark – births, baptisms, bar/bat mitzvahs, graduations, weddings and memorials – are all celebrations of family; of hope and gratitude. What better way to pay tribute than with a gift that will bring hope to a family less fortunate ... a gift that will help to bring a missing child home ... a gift that will help to prevent child abduction, endangerment and abuse.

If you would like to recognize a special moment with a taxdeducible tribute, Child Find will send you a receipt as well as an acknowledgment of your generosity to the person being honored or their family.

For more giving information, please call 845-883-6060







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