

## 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 October 31, 2024 the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), reports 1,221 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

[AATTAP offers 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 95,000 people in every state, as well as numerous tribal communities, Argentina, the Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, France, Guam, Guatemala, Greece, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The [Child Abduction Response Team \(CART\) Network](#) initiative has brought strategic technical assistance through pre- and post-training mentorship, classroom and online

training, and U.S. Department of Justice Certification to developing and established CART programs for more than 16 years. The reach of awareness and interest in CART targeted mentor training and team certification continues to grow across the contiguous U.S. as well as U.S Territories and countries around the globe. The AATTAP CART program stands ready to meet the needs of law enforcement jurisdictions and their multi-disciplinary partners who seek greater readiness to rapidly and effectively respond to incidents of endangered missing children.



CART training in action: "More than two dozen child protection professionals participated in child abduction response team training at the Oktibbeha County Emergency Management (OCEM)/911 Agency in Starkville, Mississippi. October 2024.

The [AMBER Alert in Indian Country \(AIIC\) Initiative](#) assists tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover endangered missing and abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the tribes and their local, state, and federal partners. Through state implementation planning, specialized onsite and online training, and technical assistance services, AIIC helps to strengthen commitment and support the efforts of tribal and state law enforcement and other child protection professionals in working together to protect children in Indian Country. [The Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018](#) amends the PROTECT Act (Public Law 108-21) and reauthorizes the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program to provide guidance which supports greater and more effective coordination between tribes and states in both access to and integration of response planning and technologies related to AMBER Alert programs.

**Practitioner-Field Informed Needs Assessments** bring together subject matter experts (SMEs) from across the nation representing urban, rural, and disadvantaged communities and jurisdictions. We listen carefully to their experiential perspectives to incorporate their learning and practices in our Endangered Missing Children (EMC) and Child Abduction Response Team (CART) curricula. EMC assessments convene missing persons detectives to inform training for those who investigate these cases and provide other system services to victims and their families. CART assessments convene CART commanders to identify, discuss, and problem-solve issues related to CART development, implementation, sustainability, and certification.



In 2024, AATTAP team members traveled more than 11,000 miles to conduct a needs assessment meeting with law enforcement leaders and federal partners in the Northern Mariana Islands.

**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 the Dominican Republic on the implementation of AMBER Alert programs. 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 Republica (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. 2024 Northern and Southern Border Initiative events included focus group and needs assessment meetings to 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.



AATTAP staff met with Northern Border representatives for their 2024 focus group session in Bonners Ferry, ID

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AATTAP training feedback as received from participants reflects they find AATTAP courses both productive and satisfying, having gained new insights, broadened perspectives and applicable information and resources to support the important child protection work to which they are committed. Read more about what training participants are saying about AATTAP’s courses and resources on the [training homepage](#) of the AMBERAdvocate.org website.

## AATTAP-OJJDP Publications

Development and updates to **AATTAP-OJJDP Publications** represents a continual 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.

