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# Overview &#x1F517;

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (ICAC) helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

The program was developed in 1998, in response to an ever-increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, an ever-increasing number of online images depicting child sexual abuse, and an ever-increasing amount of online activity by people seeking to contact and exploit children and teens.

ICAC Task Forces have helped state and local law enforcement agencies to conduct approximately 184,700 investigations, which led to the arrest of more than 10,800 offenders in FY 2023. The ICAC program works with approximately 5,500 law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies and in FY 2023, the ICAC task forces conducted nearly 3,050 regional law enforcement trainings on child exploitation. Approximately 72,300 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other professionals attended these trainings to learn cutting-edge techniques to investigate and prosecute ICAC-related cases.

# Programs and Funding 🔗

In FY 2023, funding for the ICAC program totaled $40.8 million to support ICAC Task Forces and training and technical assistance. ICAC Task Force Program funding is supported under the Missing and Exploited Children appropriation included in the Department of Justice fiscal year appropriation.

## Funding History 🔗

- **Fiscal Year 2023—$40.8 million**

- **Fiscal Year 2022—$31.2 million**

- **Fiscal Year 2021—$34.68 million**

- **Fiscal Year 2020—$34.73 million**

# Training and Technical Assistance 🔗

The ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Program was established to provide ICAC Task Forces and their affiliates with the training and technical assistance they need to conduct effective investigations and prosecutions. Training providers include the following:

- SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, provides training related to social networking sites, peer to peer file sharing, wireless networks, and cell phone

technology for law enforcement, prosecutors and allied professionals.

- The National White Collar Crime Center provides training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and other stakeholders in the ICAC program to improve investigative, prosecutorial, and forensic capabilities; create and distribute guidelines, best practices, and investigative methodologies; and coordinate meetings with grantees and practitioners.

- The Innocent Justice Foundation provides a comprehensive mental health and wellness program for ICAC task forces to address negative effects and trauma for individuals exposed to child sexual abuse images through their work.

- Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) provides training focused on investigative techniques and best practices for undercover operations to combat Internet crimes against children and site-specific technical assistance to ICAC Task Forces.

- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® facilitates training to law enforcement; prosecutors; and criminal- and juvenile-justice, child-serving, and healthcare professionals on issues related to missing and exploited children.

# Contacts &#x1F517;

Visit the ICAC Task Force Contact Information section of the ICAC Task Force Program website for state-specific contacts and websites.

# Resources &#x1F517;

## OJJDP Publications &#x1F517;

### AMBER Alert Field Guide for Law Enforcement Officers

May 2019. The purpose of this guide is to provide law enforcement officers with information that will enable them to avoid or mitigate critical "pitfalls" when working a child abduction case. 37 pages. NCJ 252795.
PDF

### Protecting Children in Cyberspace: The ICAC Task Force Program

*Bulletin*, January 2002. Discusses efforts by OJJDP's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program that address emerging online threats, such as computer-facilitated sex crimes, directed at children and teenagers. 8 pages. NCJ 191213.
PDF (204 KB) | HTML

### Protecting Children Online: Using Research-Based Algorithms to Prioritize Law Enforcement Internet Investigations, Technical Report

OJJDP-Sponsored, May 2016. This project used data from 20 Internet Crimes Against Children task forces to develop empirically-based recommendations to assist law enforcement conducting Internet investigations. 54 pages. NCJ 250154.
PDF

**Review of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program: Interim Report to the Attorney General Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011**
This interim report features data covering fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and is intended to provide a summary of the ICAC program's statistical accomplishments. 76 pages.
PDF

**A National Evaluation of Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training, Final Report**
June 2023. This report presents an assessment of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program by the National Evaluation of ICAC Task Force Training through the ICAC Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program. 17 pages PDF

**National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction Report to Congress**
August 2010. In complying with the provisions of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, the U.S. Justice Department presents this second report to Congress on a National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, which is the culmination

of a year of discussions among members of an interagency working group convened by the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction at the Justice Department. 166 pages. PDF

## Related Websites &#128279;

Project Safe Childhood

Project Safe Childhood combats the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children.

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