



# Outreach & Resources for Native American, Tribal & Indigenous Communities

A five-year analysis (1/1/2016-12/31/2020) of children reported missing to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) shows that Native American children comprised 2% of all intakes.

NCMEC provides **technical assistance and resources** for Native American and Indigenous communities. Our outreach includes collaborations with tribal nations and law enforcement, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

■ **U.S. DOJ Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Working Group:** This group serves to develop model protocols and procedures to apply to new and unsolved cases of missing or murdered persons in Native American and Indigenous communities. NCMEC supports this work by leveraging our resources to help children and families recover from victimization, assist law enforcement and families in finding missing children, preventing and resolving child abduction homicides, and identifying unknown deceased children. Learn more about NCMEC's case resources by visiting: [MissingKids.org/caseresources](https://MissingKids.org/caseresources).

■ **U.S. DOJ Tribal Access Program:** NCMEC supports the training and resources provided through the DOJ Tribal Access Program (TAP). This program allows federally-recognized tribes that apply for and are accepted to TAP to more effectively serve and protect their nation's citizens by ensuring the exchange of critical data across the Criminal Justice Information Services systems and other national crime information systems such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). When missing children are entered into NCIC, NCMEC is able to provide technical assistance. Learn more about the benefits and application process for TAP at: [Justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap](https://Justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap).

■ **Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018:** The tragic 2016 abduction and murder of Ashlynn Mike in Shiprock, New Mexico, brought national attention to the jurisdictional issues that can hinder the swift recovery of missing Native American and Indigenous children. With the support of NCMEC, Congress enacted the Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018, which encourages integration of tribal AMBER Alert systems into state AMBER Alert systems and provides for related grant funding. NCMEC collaborates with the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program's support for tribal nations. Examples of our work include investigative checklists which can be found here: [MissingKids.org/publications](https://MissingKids.org/publications).

■ **Additional NCMEC support includes:**

Team Adam	Team HOPE	Law Enforcement Training and Prevention Education & Community Outreach Resources
Long-Term Missing/Unidentified		

Between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2018, NCMEC assisted with **1,909 cases** involving missing Native American children.

**85%**

Endangered Runaway cases

**12%**

Family Abduction cases

**59%**

female

**41%**

male

**65%**



15-17 years old

**23%**

10-14 years old

■ **Northeast Tribal Conference on Child Victimization:** NCMEC hosts and co-sponsors the annual "Northeast Tribal Conference on Child Victimization" in partnership with the Seneca Nation of Indians, Native American Children's Alliance, Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center, National Criminal Justice Training Center, the New York State Children's Alliance, and Native American Community Services. This two-day conference brings together attendees from across the U.S. and Canada representing tribal nations, non-government organizations, multi-disciplinary team representatives, and non-tribal professionals that provide services to children and families in Indian Country. Issues addressed include historical trauma, investigation, medical and mental health service provision, missing and murdered indigenous persons, and cross-jurisdictional challenges.