

## **Free Resources for**

## Native, Indigenous, and Tribal Communities

Between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2021, NCMEC assisted with nearly **3,000 cases** involving missing Native American children. Of these:

80% were reported missing from foster care 99% of cases were resolved

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) provides free technical assistance, resources, and outreach to Native, Indigenous, & tribal communities:

- NCMEC Tribal Fellowship: NCMEC's Tribal Fellowship Program was created in 2021 to help build relationships and understanding within tribal communities. The paid Fellowship is 100% remote to help ensure our programming has geographic, tribal, and professional diversity of perspective. The Fellow serves in a special advisor capacity and is responsible for meeting with stakeholders engaged in the search for missing Native & Indigenous children and presenting on NCMEC resources. To learn more email tribalfellow@ncmec.org.
- Investigative Checklists: These checklists are designed to serve as a resource to first responders and investigators in the field. This tool for tribal law enforcement was developed for the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) by the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP), in collaboration with NCMEC and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services. Core information is based on NCMEC's Law-Enforcement Guide to Case Investigation and Investigative Checklist, with input from experienced tribal investigators and cultural advisers.
- Team Adam: Team Adam provides rapid, on-site assistance to law enforcement (LE) agencies and families in critical cases of missing children and can support local tribal law enforcement's efforts in long-term missing or unidentified cases. To contact this team email \_TeamAdam@ncmec.org.

- Forensic Services: NCMEC offers forensic services to law enforcement, medical examiners, and coroners to find missing children, identify unknown deceased children, and develop leads on child abduction homicides. The Forensic Services Unit works with subject matter experts from a wide array of forensic disciplines to develop recommendations and ensure all possible forensic resources have been considered (including free or reduced costs services). To learn how NCMEC is applying today's technology to yesterday's cases email forensics@ncmec.org.
- All Nations Conference on Child Maltreatment: NCMEC hosts and co-sponsors an annual conference in partnership with the Seneca Nation of Indians, Native American Children's Alliance (NACA), Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center (NRCAC), National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC), the New York State Children's Alliance (NYSCA), and Native American Community Services. This two-day conference brings together attendees from across the US and Canada representing sovereign Tribal Nations, NGOs, multi-disciplinary team representatives and non-tribal professionals that provide services to children and families in Indian Country. The cornerstone of the conference is networking and information sharing among and between tribal nations and service providers. To learn more about this conference email training@ncmec.org.

