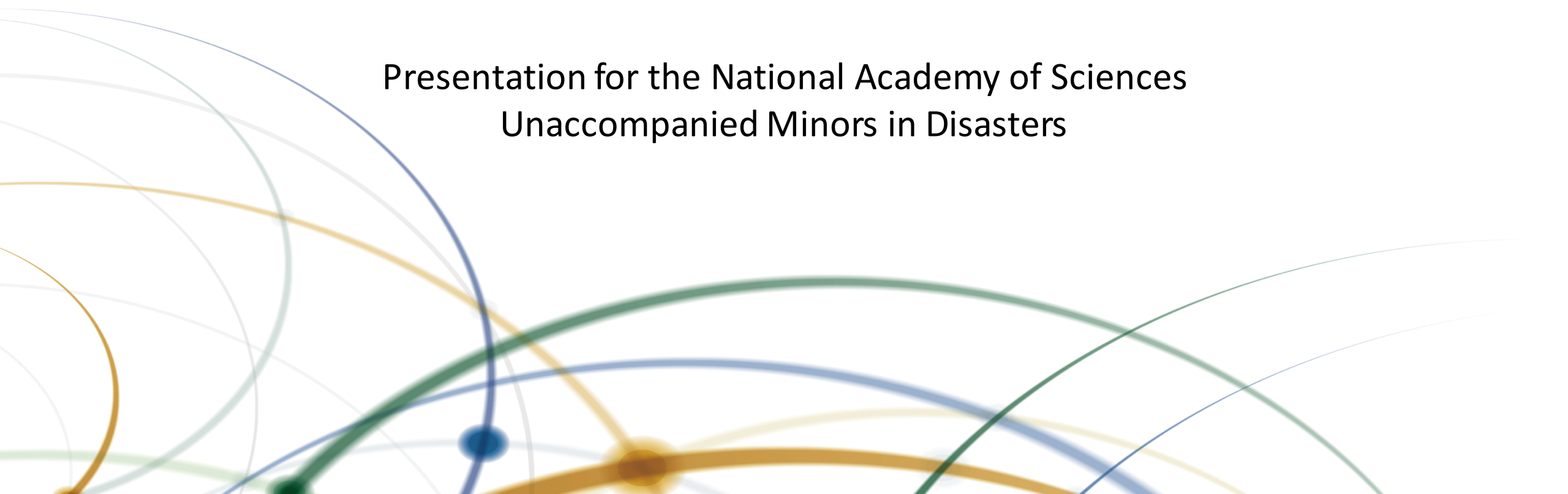


NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Presentation for the National Academy of Sciences
Unaccompanied Minors in Disasters



WHO WE ARE

- Founded in 1984
- Nonprofit, non-governmental organization
- Congressionally funded in part to operate 15 programs related to missing and exploited children
- National resource center for families, law enforcement and other professionals



OUR MISSION

Find Missing Children

Reduce Child Sexual Exploitation

Prevent Future Victimization

Hope is why we're here.



NCMEC SERVICES/PROGRAMS

24-hour, toll-free Hotline:
1-800-THE-LOST®

Missing Children

Family Abductions

Forensic Services

Age Progression, Facial
Reconstruction, and
Imaging Identification
Services

Photo and Poster
Distribution

Team Adam

LOCATER®

AMBER Alert-
Secondary distributor

KidSmartz™

Family Advocacy

Training & Outreach

Public Affairs/Media

Corporate Sponsorships

NetSmartz®

Legal Technical Assistance

Child Sex Trafficking

Case Analysis

Sex Offender Tracking Team

Infant-Abduction
Prevention

Exploited Children

Child Victim Identification
Program

CyberTipline®

Child Protection and
Prevention Education



CLASSIFICATIONS OF CHILDREN

❖ Missing Child vs. Separated Child vs. Unaccompanied Child

- » A **missing child** is a person younger than 18 whose whereabouts are unknown to a legal guardian.

(As defined under federal law 42 U.S.C. § 5772)

- » A **separated child** is a child who is separated from both parents or from his/her previous legal or customary primary caregiver, but not necessarily from other relatives.

(As defined in FEMA's Post Disaster Reunification of Children: A Nationwide Approach)

- » An **unaccompanied child** is a child who has been separated from both parents and other relatives and is not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.

(As defined in FEMA's Post Disaster Reunification of Children: A Nationwide Approach)



NCMEC'S ROLE IN HURRICANE KATRINA

During Hurricane Katrina NCMEC was requested to assist in:

- Establishing a hotline to handle calls about missing children (handled 34,045)
 - » Helped resolved the 5,192 missing children cases reported to NCMEC
 - » Now federally mandated and known as the **National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC)**
- Providing field support to help find missing children/ family members and identify unaccompanied minors



In 2006, the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA) included plans to better prepare recovery teams to reunify families



HURRICANE KATRINA: EVACUATION PHASE

- More than 1.5m people evacuated (incl. 200,000 children)
 - Families were separated during evacuation.
 - Lack of planning around vulnerable populations, including children.
- Children were without their parents on evacuation buses.
 - No tracking system used to verify people at embarkation/debarkation points.
 - Buses headed in different directions to state-managed emergency shelters.



HURRICANE KATRINA: RESPONSE PHASE

- Photos were the quickest way to locate the missing.
- Technology in 2005, was not as robust as it is current day.
- Many families who evacuated did not have cell phones or photos of their missing child.
 - Creativity was key = school photos
- Reuniting families was challenging as many families were in constant motion from state to state to try and find each other.



NCMEC'S ROLE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

❖ PREPAREDNESS

- NCMEC can provide disaster reunification planning resources for child-serving organizations and agencies and encourages states to develop disaster reunification plan with the written inclusion of NCMEC resources.



❖ RESPONSE:

- NCMEC responds to requests by a disaster-impacted state or through FEMA to support reunification efforts for children separated from their parents/caregivers.
 - Field Resources: Team Adam Consultants (TACs)
 - Call Center: National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC)
 - Online Tool: Unaccompanied Minors Registry (UMR)
 - Other NCMEC resources: Posters, Family Advocacy, Forensics/Biometrics collection, etc.



NATIONAL EMERGENCY CHILD LOCATOR CENTER

- Operates during presidentially declared disasters when missing children are a concern
- Bilingual staff and access to over 190 languages
- Referrals: NGOs & reunification partners



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS REGISTRY

- ❖ The UMR is the first national data collection tool used to:
 - Facilitate the tracking and reunification of unaccompanied minors as a result of a disaster.
 - Expedite the reunification of unaccompanied minors with their families, guardians and caregivers when separated by a disaster.
 - Provide reports back to law enforcement and reunification staff.

<http://umr.missingkids.org>



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Welcome to the Unaccompanied Minors Registry

If you locate an unaccompanied minor, **please call your local law enforcement agency immediately.** Then complete the following.

The Unaccompanied Minors Registry supports the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) by allowing the public to report information related to children who have been separated from their parents or legal guardians as a result of a disaster. This tool will enable NCMEC to provide assistance to local law enforcement and assist in the reunification of displaced children with their parents or legal guardians. If you experience any trouble reporting online, please contact NCMEC 24-hours a day, at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

An unaccompanied minor is a child who has been separated from parents, legal guardians, and other relatives and is not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.

This site is a secured site. UMR uses Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology to encrypt information on this application over the internet.



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REPORT A SINGLE CHILD

Please help us to collect information about the child you found by first completing information about yourself. If you are part of an agency, please complete the agency information. Remember that fields with a red star * are required.

Reporter Types

Reporter Types *

NGO

Reporter Information

Reporter Name *

Sara Smith

Phone Number *

202-555-5555

Street Address 1

City

State

Select a State/Territory

Zip Code

Reporter Agency Information

Agency Name

XYZ Disaster Relief

Street Address 1

Street Address 2

City

State

Select a State/Territory

Zip Code

[No Title]

Supervisor Agency Information

Supervisor Name

Supervisor Agency Name

Supervisor Phone Number

Supervisor Email

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Reporting Progress

90%

Add Picture or Video

If you have the child's picture or a short video, please share it with us. When uploading a picture or a video, please consider the helpful hints below:

It is best for the picture or video to include a head shot of the child. This would include a view of the child from upper/mid-chest to the top of the head below.

Pictures and videos are all limited to 1MB or less.

Pictures are accepted with the following file extensions: PNG, GIF, JPG and JPEG.

Videos are accepted with the following file extensions: AVI, MOV and WVM.



Browse for Picture or Video

File: *

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Once you click Submit, your report will be sent to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

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Street Address 1

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Supervisor Name

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Supervisor Phone Number

Supervisor Email

Report A Single Child

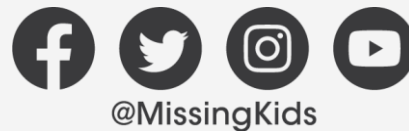
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For more resources please visit
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