

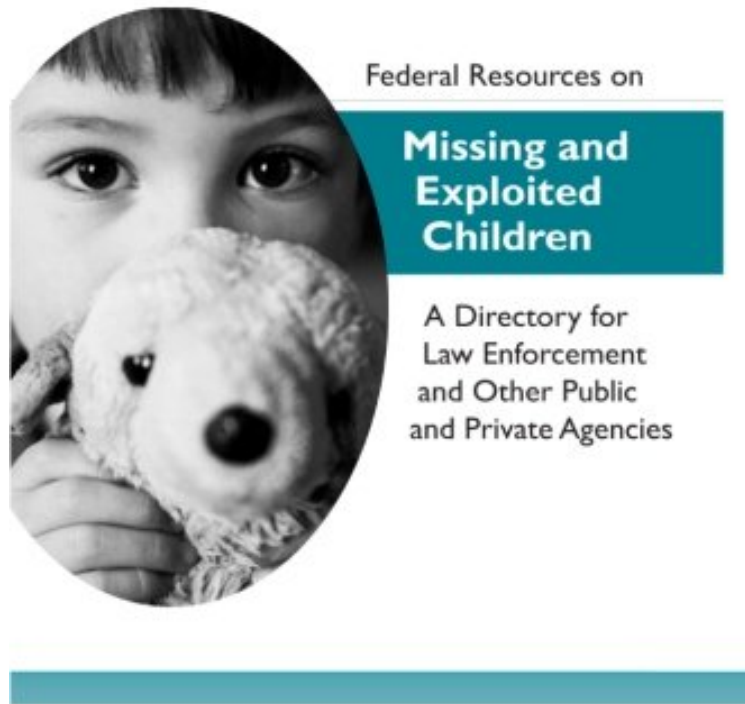
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The Federal Agency Task Force for Missing and Exploited Children was created in 1995, by then Attorney General Janet Reno to coordinate Federal resources and services to effectively address the needs of missing, abducted, and exploited children and their families. The mission of the Task Force is to (1) advocate for missing and exploited children and their families, (2) initiate positive change to enhance services and resources for missing and exploited children, their families, and the agencies and organizations that serve them, (3) promote communication and cooperation among agencies and organizations at the Federal level, and (4) serve as the focal point for coordination of services and resources. The Task Force includes representatives from 16 Federal agencies and 2 non-Federal agencies that work directly with cases involving missing and exploited children and their families. The term missing child, as used in this Directory, refers to any youth whose whereabouts are unknown to his or her legal guardian. This includes children who have been abducted or kidnapped by a family or a nonfamily member, a child who is a throw away, or a child who is otherwise missing. The term child exploitation refers to any youth under the age of 18 who has been exploited or victimized for profit or personal advantage, which includes children who are victims of pornography, prostitution, sexual tourism, trafficking, and sexual abuse. These missing and exploited cases include both national and international cases. First published in 1996, the Federal Resources on Missing and Exploited Childrens Directory has become an effective resource that can be used by agencies and organizations involved in the safe recovery of missing children. The Directory contains the most up-to-date information on and links to other agencies and organizations that can help in finding a solution. The Directory is a compilation of the many services, programs, publications, and training that address issues of child sexual exploitation, child pornography, child abduction, and missing children cases. It describes the role of each Federal Task Force member agency in the location and recovery of missing and exploited children, the types of services and support that are available, the various methods for accessing these services, and additional resources. This new edition of the Directory has been redesigned to provide comprehensive, accessible agency and organization information in a concise, user-friendly format. It will be an indispensable tool for practitioners dealing with the many challenges of returning children safely.