



Protecting Children Strategies for Faith Based Communities



Dear Faith Based Partners,

According to the U.S. Department of Justice there are nearly 800,000 children reported as missing to law enforcement each year. While away from their families, many of these children are at risk of becoming victims of other victimization, often times stripping away their innocence. We must take action and work in collaboration to protect children in our communities.

We believe Faith based organizations are fundamental to increasing awareness and action in our communities about protecting children. To begin this important collaboration and lead local efforts, The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia are joining efforts to co-host "***Protecting Children: Strategies for Faith Based Communities***". This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 1PM – 3PM at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 901 G Street NW, Washington DC, room A-5**. During the meeting, you will hear from experts about the issues surrounding missing and exploited children and how this problem is impacting communities in the local area. Attendees will also learn about preventive strategies to keep children safer and will receive free resources to begin local efforts.

[Click here to confirm your attendance](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1134809/Protecting-Children-Strategies-for-Faith-Based-Communities); or copy and paste the following link:

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Together we can help communities identify ways to better protect children and provide families with the resources and tools to help keep their families safer.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on February 27th.

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