

## Child-Sexual-Exploitation Investigation Assistance

Since 1984 the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has served as the congressionally mandated national clearinghouse for child protection in the United States. In 1996 the U.S. Congress established the Exploited Child Unit (ECU) within NCMEC. The ECU serves as a resource center for the public, parents, law enforcement, and others on the issues of the sexual exploitation of children.

In addition to handling reports received via the CyberTipline, the ECU serves as a technical and informational resource for law enforcement. Investigating child-sexual-exploitation cases may require specialized technical skills outside the scope of usual investigation methods. Analysts are available to assist in any child-sexual-exploitation case, not just those originating from the CyberTipline. The technical assistance services available from the ECU are listed below.

- Child-Victim-Identification Project

- CyberTipline Historical Searches

- Internet Searches

- Internet Service Provider (ISP) Contacts

- Law-Enforcement Contacts

- Public-Record Database Searches

- Technical Expertise

Please contact the Exploited Child Unit at **1-800-843-5678** for further assistance.