



# The 1997 Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse Annual Report

In October 1993, the Ohio General Assembly passed into law Amended Senate Bill 63, which created the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse. The clearinghouse acts as a central repository to coordinate and improve the availability of information on missing children pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 109.65(B). The mission is to assist in the search for missing children, create public awareness of pertinent issues, and develop and disseminate information in an attempt to educate the public, professionals, and others in the prevention and intervention of missing and abducted children.

*Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (E) (1-3) states that the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse shall perform the following functions:*

**(1) The Attorney General, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, shall establish a "missing child educational program" within the Missing Children Clearinghouse that shall perform the functions specified in divisions (E)(1) to (3) of the section. The program shall operate under the supervision and control of the Attorney General in accordance with procedures the Attorney General shall develop to implement divisions (E)(1) to (3) of this section. The Attorney General shall cooperate with the Department of Education in developing and disseminating information acquired or prepared pursuant to division (E)(3) of this section.**

*The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse is housed within the Juvenile Justice Section of the Attorney General's Office. Section Chief Kathleen Peterson; Terri Peaks, the director of the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse; and other staff members are available to address questions concerning the missing child educational program or any other item in this report. The address and telephone number(s) are as follows:*

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**(2) Upon the request of any board of education in this state or any other nonpublic school in this state, the missing child educational program shall provide to the board or school a reasonable number of copies of the information acquired or prepared pursuant to division (E)(3) of this section.**

**Upon the request of any board of education in this state or any nonpublic school in this state that, pursuant to section 3313.96 of the Revised Code, is developing an information program concerning missing children issues and matters, the missing child educational program shall provide to the board or nonpublic school assistance in developing the information program. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, the provision of any or all of the following:**

**(a) If the requesting entity is a board of education of a school district, sample policies on missing and exploited children issues to assist the board in complying with section 3313.205 of the Revised Code.**

Sample policies on missing and exploited children issues have been obtained from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and are available, upon request, to any board of education of a school district.

**(b) Suggested safety curricula regarding missing children issues, including child safety and abduction prevention issues.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains the Kids and Company child safety curriculum for grades K-6, which has been acquired from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 1997, 82 kits were circulated to schools and within the law enforcement community. In 1996, the curriculum was distributed or loaned to 25 interested schools and law enforcement agencies for a two-year distribution total of 107 kits. In addition, a supply of the curriculum was provided to the Attorney General's regional liaisons for circulation throughout Ohio. Components of the curriculum include:

- *Teacher's Guide.*
- Classroom Poster.
- Parent Kit.
- Videotape and Guide: Teacher training, student role playing, and discussion.
- Materials for games, activities, and visual aids.

**(c) Assistance in developing, with local law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, boards of education, school districts, and nonpublic schools, cooperative programs for fingerprinting children.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse provided various law enforcement agencies and schools with 26,805 child fingerprint ID cards. The ID cards, which were used at local events (such as fairs) throughout the state, are developed by the Attorney General's Office and are available at no cost.

**(d) Other assistance to further the goals of the program.**

The *Bulletin/Report on Missing Children* was prepared and distributed quarterly. The bulletins contained various announcements including Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) statistics, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children statistics, flyers of missing children, and Ohio Revised Code statutes that address police protocol and school responsibilities. A contact list of law enforcement (427 contacts are on the list) was also included. A total of 7,200 bulletins were distributed during this calendar year.

**(3) The missing child educational program shall acquire or prepare informational materials relating to missing children issues and matters. These issues and matters include, but are not limited to, the following:**

**(a) The types of missing children.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains the National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrown away Children in America Study, which was conducted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This report estimates the number of missing children within the United States and reviews the nature of the problem. This study defines family abduction, non-family

abduction, runaways, throwaways, and lost, injured, or otherwise missing children.

The clearinghouse receives monthly statistics on missing children in Ohio who have been reported to law enforcement agencies. It also prepares statistics on supplemental missing children reports, which are taken by clearinghouse staff. These reports are divided into missing children categories (See Appendix I and II).

Materials maintained in the clearinghouse include the following brochures from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: *Just in Case ... Your Child Might Be Missing* and *Just in Case ... Your Child Might Someday Be a Runaway*.

In addition, the clearinghouse provides a list of resources for children who have run away. Included in these resources is information on the National Runaway Switchboard and a list of Ohio runaway shelters that provide temporary residence and counseling. During 1997, 40,692 pieces of literature were distributed throughout Ohio (See Appendix III).

**(b) The reasons why and how minors become missing children; the potential adverse consequences of a minor becoming a missing child; and, in the case of minors who are considering running away from home or from the care, custody, and control of their parents, a parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian, guardian, or another person responsible for them, alternatives that may be available to address their concerns and problems.**

The response of Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (E)(3)(a) also applies to this section.

**(c) Offenses under federal law that could relate to missing children and other provisions of federal law that focus on missing children.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains the following items that have been acquired from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and that relate to federal legislation:

*Family Abduction: How to Prevent an Abduction, which includes:*

- *Missing Children Act (28 USC 534).*
- *Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 USC 5771, et seq.).*
- *National Child Search Assistance Act (42 USC 5779 and 5780).*
- *Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (28 USC 1738A, 43 USC 653, 655,42, USC 663).*
- *Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act as Passed by Ohio (ORC 3109.21 to 3109.37).*
- *Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.*
- *International Child Abduction Remedies Act (42 USC 11601 to 11610).*
- *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 USC 1232g).*
- *Compliance of Department of Defense Directive 5525.9, codified at 32 C.F.R. Part 146 for Members, Employees and Family Members Outside the United States with Court Orders (32 C.F.R. Part 146).*
- *National Child Search Assistance Act - This federal law requires law enforcement to immediately enter a missing child or unidentified body report into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Two thousand four hundred (2,400) copies of this law were distributed to law enforcement agencies, schools, and others.*

**(d) Offenses under the Revised Code that could relate to missing children, including, but not limited to, kidnapping; abduction; unlawful restraint; child stealing; interference with custody; endangering children; domestic violence; abuse of a child and contributing to the dependency, neglect, unruliness, or delinquency of a child; sexual offenses; drug offenses; prostitution offenses; obscenity offenses; and other provisions of the Revised Code that could relate to missing children.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains the *Selected State Legislation Booklet*, which has been acquired from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This book includes criteria for drafting legislation pertaining to laws that protect children.

In 1997, 7,200 copies of selected Ohio Revised Code legislation were sent to all enforcement agencies and school districts to inform them of their duties as they relate to missing children.

The clearinghouse also provides copies of applicable Ohio Revised Code sections upon request and works in conjunction with the Rapid Response Team to provide informational materials on child abuse, domestic violence, and Ohio's version of Megan's Law. A cost analysis of annual operating expenses is included (See Appendix IV).

**(e) Legislation being considered by the General Assembly, legislators of other states, the Congress of the United States, and political subdivisions in this or any other state to address missing children issues.**

In 1997, the Attorney General's Office assisted in drafting legislation which requires coroners to submit DNA specimens, fingerprints, and photographs of unidentified dead bodies to the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) for inclusion in the unidentified person database. The Attorney General's Office also worked with the legislature to ensure passage of this legislation in 1998. This law, which becomes effective on May 21, 1998, authorizes BCI&I to establish a "relatives of missing persons database" and to compare that database with the unidentified person database.

*Megan's Law* – Ohio's version of this law (Sex Offender Registration and Notification) was implemented in 1997. The Attorney General's Office helped draft this legislation and worked actively to ensure its passage. Employees of the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse within the Juvenile Justice Section worked in conjunction with the Attorney General's Policy Section to develop rules and provide training on House Bill 180 (Sex Offender Registration and Notification) in 1997.

**(f) Sources of information on missing children issues.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse web page, an Internet access for the public to view Ohio Missing Children photos and related issues, premiered on the Attorney General's web site in May 1997. The web page, located at [www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us), contains the following information:

- Steps to take if your child is missing.
- Photographs of children missing from Ohio. This effort is coordinated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- The missing children contact person in each county sheriff's office.

- The 1996 Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse Annual Report.
- The clearinghouse's toll-free number, which provides 24-hour nationwide access.
- Information about Ohio's observance of National Missing Children Day.
- Web page links to other state clearinghouses and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The clearinghouse also maintains a resource and referral manual that lists Ohio law enforcement agencies and school districts, other state clearinghouses, private nonprofit organizations registered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, state and federal agencies, statewide organizations and associations, victim/witness personnel, child advocates, lawyer referral services, legal aid offices, and more. Resource information is provided at no cost to the requesting party. In 1997, 7,200 copies of the law enforcement contact list were sent to law enforcement and school districts.

**(g) State, local, federal, and private systems for locating and identifying missing children.**

In addition to the response in Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (E)(3)(f), which also applies to this section, the clearinghouse networks with 49 other state clearinghouses to aid in the location and identification of missing children via computer, telephone, and fax. Ohio is actively involved in the Inter-State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children Advisory Council (I-SEARCH) and the Midwest Coalition, both of which allow member states to share information and to assist each other in identifying and locating missing children.

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse posted photographs of missing children on our web page, which links to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other clearinghouses. This allows Internet users to easily access information on Ohio's children and children from other states. Photographs were also featured in The Line of Duty, a quarterly newsletter published by the Attorney General's Office, which was distributed to more than 5,000 members of Ohio's law enforcement community along with our Bulletin/Report on Ohio's Missing Children.

The clearinghouse is also linked to the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which was established by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This nonprofit organization serves as a national clearinghouse

of information on missing and exploited children. Staff members give technical assistance, training, and photograph distribution, as well as provide information on effective state legislation. They also coordinate child protection efforts with the private sector and network with all state clearinghouses and nonprofit service providers. Some examples of computer industry support and networking systems provided to state clearinghouses via NCMEC are listed below. These systems have been designed to assist in locating missing children.

- Case Management/Analysis - The clearinghouse receives leads, sightings, and suspicious-circumstance descriptions, which are immediately relayed to local law enforcement agencies.
- Imaging/Identification - NCMEC "ages" photographs of long-term missing children (more than 100 successfully recovered throughout the country) and reconstructs faces from morgue photographs of unidentified person (nine identified).
- Image Database - A searchable image database is used to assist law enforcement in identifying children and creating instant images for distribution.
- Online Partners Program - NCMEC disseminates missing child photographs, biographical information, and safety tips electronically over the Internet and reaches thousands of people each week through its web site. The clearinghouse linked to NCMEC through the AG web site.

**(h) Law enforcement agency programs, responsibilities, and investigative techniques in missing children matters.**

During 1997, 7,200 copies of law enforcement's responsibilities in missing child cases were distributed to all police departments, sheriff's offices, schools, departments of human services, and other agencies.

In addition, training on missing children issues and law enforcement responsibilities was provided to basic recruits, juvenile officers, and officers responsible for training others. This training was held at the Attorney General's Peace Officer Training Academy, and also at police departments upon request. Each officer who attended the training received a copy of Missing and Abducted Children: A Law Enforcement Guide to Case Investigation and Program Management to aid in their investigative efforts. This manual provides a checklist for handling each type of missing child case, as well as investigative resources, crisis media relations tools, and management issues. Copies of other materials, brochures, and applicable Ohio Revised Code cites were additionally distributed at each presentation. Applicable cites were also faxed or mailed to law enforcement agencies when requested.

For the first time ever, training on missing children issues was provided to police chiefs and sheriffs at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Jimmy Ryce Training Center located in Arlington, Virginia. Upon recommendation from the Ohio clearinghouse, eight of Ohio's law enforcement officials attended this training. An additional 18 are scheduled to attend in 1998. Training included law enforcement's role in missing child cases and a general overview of programs available to law enforcement.

In addition to training efforts, the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains the following material from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Vanished Children's Alliance:

- Obstacles to the Recovery and Return of Parentally Abducted Children: Research Summary.
- Using Agency Records to Find Missing Children: A Guide to Law Enforcement.
- The Child Victim as a Witness: Research Report.
- Suggestions for Law Enforcement to Facilitate the Recovery and Reunification of Abducted Children with their Legal Guardian.
- Recovery and Reunification of Missing Children: A Team Approach.
- Child Molesters Who Abduct: Summary of the Case In Point Series.

A listing of all Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention publications, most of which are free of charge, was sent to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Clearinghouse staff created an announcement flyer listing programs and issues relevant to law enforcement. More than 7,200 copies of the flyer were distributed to law enforcement agencies and other sources. A resource brochure specifically for law enforcement officers is also maintained and sent to agencies throughout the state upon request.

**(i) Efforts on the community level in this and other states, concerning missing children issues and matters, by governmental entities and private organizations.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse maintains a tabletop display for the exhibition of brochures, booklets, child fingerprint ID cards, and other materials. This year, clearinghouse materials were displayed at six locations throughout the state, including the Ohio State Fair, and

conferences for crime prevention practitioners. Eleven presentations were held at schools and at other state clearinghouses, some of which included training for law enforcement.

During the past two years, the clearinghouse also provided flyers of missing children, county statistics, and brochures to 75 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores, which have requested our assistance for their local communities.

In August 1997, Blockbuster Video stores, as part of their KidPrint program, videotaped children so that parents could have recent videos in the event their children are lost. Children were videotaped during the entire month of August, during store hours. This is an annual event held in all Blockbuster Video stores throughout the country.

**(j) The identification of private organizations that, among their primary objectives, address missing children issues and matters.**

The response to Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (E)(3)(f) also applies to this section.

**(k) How to avoid becoming a missing child and what to do if one becomes a missing child.**

The Missing Children Clearinghouse has acquired several copies of the Vanished Children's Alliance Directory, which includes tips on how to prevent child abduction, age appropriate safety tips, steps to take if a child is abducted, suggestions for parents recovering a child, and strategies for reunification. The clearinghouse maintains the brochures and booklets that are listed below from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They are distributed in periodic mailings, at community events, and upon request by letter or telephone call:

- My 8 Rules of Safety- Safety tips poster that can be used independently or in conjunction with the Kids & Company Curriculum.
- Just in Case ... Your Child Might Someday Be a Runaway.
- Just in Case ... Your Child Might Someday Be Missing.
- Family Abduction: How to Prevent an Abduction.

**(l) Efforts that schools, parents, and members of a community can undertake to reduce the risk that a minor will**

**become a missing child and to quickly locate or identify a minor if he/she becomes a missing child, including, but not limited to, fingerprinting programs.**

During 1997, 694 of the 1,397 incoming calls received at the clearinghouse were from schools, parents, and community members. Upon request, brochures were sent in response to the Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (E)(3)(k), as well as the following brochures obtained from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- Just in Case ... Finding Professional Help in Case Your Child is Missing or the Victim of Sexual Abuse or Exploitation.
- Just in Case ... Your Child is Victim of Sexual Abuse or Exploitation.
- Just in Case ... You are Considering Family Separation.
- Just in Case ... You are Using the Federal Parent Locator Service.
- Just in Case ... You Need a Babysitter.
- Just in Case ... You are Considering Day Care.

In addition to materials listed above, the clearinghouse maintains the Kids and Company child safety curriculum, which is distributed to law enforcement and elementary schools to teach and provide children with basic safety skills and to help build esteem. Child safety tips are also listed on our web page and are printed on our child fingerprint ID cards.

The Attorney General's Office promotes National Missing Children's Day, which is held annually on May 25th. Callers are made aware of this day and are encouraged to hold events including child safety, fingerprinting children, or taking their photographs. Contacts at local law enforcement agencies are provided when appropriate. In 1997, the clearinghouse distributed 1,071 white ribbons to elementary and high school students, Wal-Mart/Sam's Club stores, Two Days In May conference attendees, and those who approached the office's National Missing Children's Day exhibit.

Interested persons can contact the clearinghouse if they would like to request a speaker from the Attorney General's Office. The office also suggests that they contact their county children services agency, their local victim advocate, or the National Runaway Switchboard. If a child is missing, the parent is instructed to call a local law enforcement agency, and the clearinghouse will take a supplemental report. The clearinghouse verifies that the child has been entered into the National Crime Information Center computer by the law enforcement agency and recommends that they contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to file a report.

***Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (C)(1-6) states that the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse may perform any of the following functions:***

**(1) The establishment of services to aid in the location of missing children that include, but are not limited to, any of the following services:**

**(a) Assistance in the preparation and dissemination of flyers identifying and describing missing children and their abductors.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse created its first missing child flyer in November 1996. During 1997, 10 additional flyers were created at the request of Ohio law enforcement agencies. Six hundred-fifty black and white and color copies of these posters were provided to the requesting agencies. In addition, 1,350 posters of 18 missing children were sent to Wal-Mart/Sam's Club stores in Ohio to be showcased in their missing children display areas.

As noted in section (3)(f) of this report, the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse web page premiered on the Attorney General's web site in May 1997. Photographs of 20 children were featured on web site in 1997.

Photographs and information on missing children from Ohio were featured in *The Line of Duty*, a quarterly newsletter published by the Attorney General's Office, which is distributed to more than 5,000 members of Ohio's law enforcement community.

**(b) The development of informational forms for the reporting of missing children that may be used by parents, guardians, and law enforcement officials to facilitate the location of a missing child.**

The clearinghouse maintains Family Abduction booklets acquired from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The booklets include copies of sample poster/flyers and other sample documents that could assist in the search for a missing child. Fourteen booklets were provided to callers at no cost.

**(c) The provision of assistance to public and private organizations, boards of education, nonpublic schools, preschools, child care facilities, and law enforcement agencies in planning and implementing**

**voluntary programs to fingerprint children.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse provides child fingerprint ID cards to the above listed organizations, schools, and all law enforcement agencies upon request. In 1997, 26,805 child fingerprint ID cards were distributed to requesting parties.

**(2) The establishment and operation of a toll-free telephone line for supplemental reports of missing children and reports of sightings of missing children.**

The clearinghouse has a toll-free hotline (1-800-325-5604) that provides nationwide access, seven days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day, including holidays. The hotline is answered by clearinghouse staff members Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation staff members after hours, weekends, and holidays.

In 1997, 1,397 calls were received on the hotline from law enforcement, schools, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, other clearinghouses, parents, relatives of missing children, and others.

The hotline was primarily established for supplemental reports of missing children and reports of sightings of missing children, but calls ranged from requests for informational materials such as child fingerprint ID cards, to information about actual missing children and details regarding the recoveries. This year, the clearinghouse received 101 leads/sightings of children who were missing (or believed to be missing) from Ohio or from other states. Information on leads and sightings was forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

The clearinghouse documented 215 reports of missing children in the following categories (See Appendix II):

Runaway	177
Family Abduction	35
Non-Family Abduction	0
Lost, Injured, or Otherwise Missing	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>

Out of 215 cases recorded, 188 children were reported recovered, which resulted in an 87 percent recovery rate. This figure represents all recovered/located cases made known to clearinghouse staff by law enforcement, other agencies, or parents.

**(3) Upon the request of any persons or entity and upon payment of any applicable fee established by the Attorney General under division (H) of this section, the provision to the person or entity who makes the request of a copy of any information possessed by the clearinghouse that was acquired or prepared pursuant to division (E)(3) of this section.**

During 1997, all materials were mailed at no cost to the requester of the information.

**(4) The performance of liaison services between individual, public, and private agencies regarding procedure for handling and responding to missing children reports.**

The Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse is a link to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 1997, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children staff continued to refer Ohio callers to the clearinghouse for assistance with the filing of supplemental missing children reports, leads, sightings, and general inquiries.

Clearinghouse staff members complete a supplemental missing child report (in addition to the report taken by law enforcement) when a child is reported missing and then coordinate with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to verify that law enforcement has entered the child into the National Crime Information Center Computer. If the child does not appear there, a clearinghouse staff member contacts the law enforcement agency to obtain further information. As of Dec. 31, 1997, the clearinghouse's law enforcement contact list contained 427 agencies. This list consists of officers throughout the state who handle juvenile and missing child cases that include accepting leads, sightings, and requests from other state clearinghouses throughout the country.

The clearinghouse also networks with 49 other state clearinghouses throughout the country and Canada to share leads and sighting information via the CompuServe computer network, telephone, and fax, if a child from Ohio is believed to be in another state or if a child from another state is believed to be in Ohio. Leads and sightings information is communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**(5) The participation as a member in any networks of other missing children centers or clearinghouses.**

Ohio participates in the Inter-State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children Advisory Council. The council, created by an Interstate Agreement signed by each participating state's governor, is an interstate network designed to aid in the improved safety identification and recovery of missing children. Some of the council's goals include better communication among state enforcement agencies and networking to collect and share data concerning missing and exploited children. The 11 Midwestern member states include: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Two advisory council meetings were held in 1997. The Ohio Clearinghouse director served her second term as I-SEARCH Advisory Board member and council secretary in 1997.

In addition, to I-SEARCH, Ohio additionally participates in the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Midwest Coalition, which is also charged with developing and using an interstate approach to solving the problem of missing and exploited children. The coalition is composed of the 11 I-SEARCH states, plus Nebraska and South Dakota. The Ohio Clearinghouse director also served as coalition secretary in 1997.

**(6) The creation and operation of an intrastate network of communication designed for the speedy collection and processing of information conceding missing children.**

A list of law enforcement contacts has been established, consisting of officers who handle juvenile and missing child cases. In 1997, 427 agencies were included on the contact list.

The clearinghouse staff also coordinates efforts with the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and regional liaisons to efficiently address issues throughout Ohio.

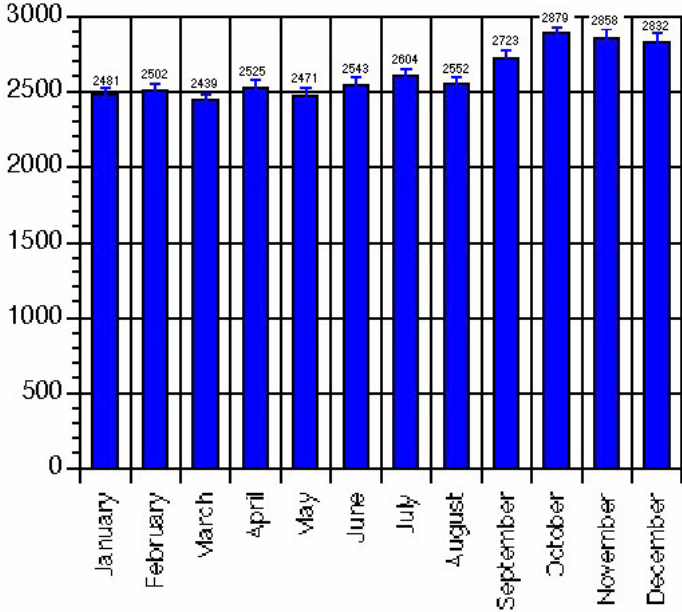
In addition to the responsibilities listed above, the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse assists Ohio's schools in fulfilling their responsibilities under Ohio Revised Code 109.65 (D) by referring notices of potential missing children to law enforcement in an effort to confirm their receipt of any lead or sighting information obtained by schools.

**This report has been prepared pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 109.65(F), which stipulates that each year, the Missing Children Clearinghouse**

**the Missing Child Educational Program.**

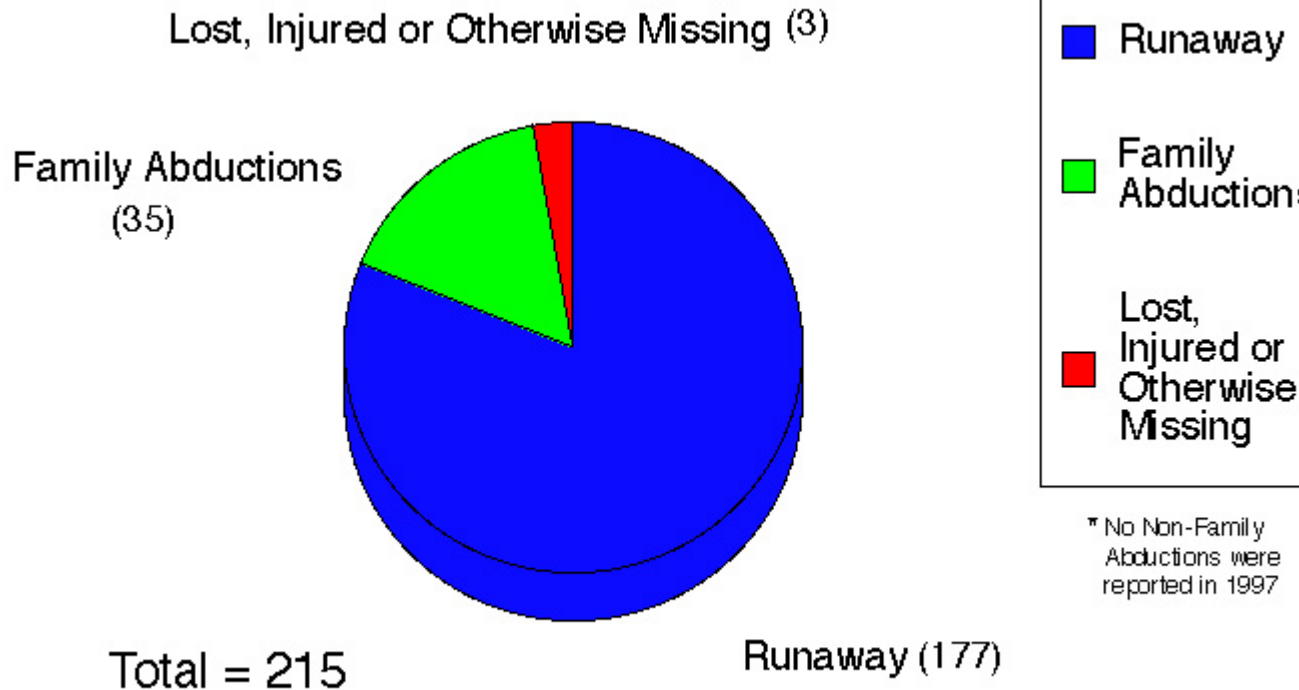
**APPENDIX I**

**Ohio's  
Missing  
Children  
Reports Per  
L.E.A.D.S.\*  
1997 Monthly Totals**



\*Pending Missing Children Reports taken by law enforcement agencies and entered into Ohio's Law Enforcement Data System (L.E.A.D.S.) missing person file.

**APPENDIX II**



### APPENDIX III

#### *PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED IN 1997*

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Child Fingerprint ID Cards	26,805
<i>Child Protection</i> (brochure)	282
Child Safety Game Sheet	2,772
<i>Child Safety on the Information Highway</i> (brochure)	518
Eight (8) Rules for Safety (bookmark)	400
<i>Eight (8) Rules for Safety</i> (brochure)	5,630
<i>Family Abduction: How to Prevent an Abduction and What to Do If Your Child Is Abducted</i> (booklet)	14
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case You Need a Babysitter</i> (brochure)	169
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case You Are Considering</i>	154

<i>Daycare</i> (brochure)	
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case You Are Considering Family Separation</i> (brochure)	89
<i>Just In Case...Parental and Professional Guidelines In Dealing With Grief Following the Loss of a Child</i> (brochure)	30
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case Your Child Might Someday Be Missing</i> (brochure)	796
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case Your Child Might Someday Be a Runaway</i> (brochure)	1,502
<i>Just In Case...Parental Guidelines In Case Your Child Might Someday Be the Victim of Sexual Abuse or Exploitation</i> (brochure)	138
Kids and Company (child safety curriculum)	82
<i>Law Enforcement: Resource Information</i> (brochure)	253
<i>Missing and Abducted Children: A Law Enforcement Guide to Case Investigation and Program Management</i> (manual)	56
Missing Children Clearinghouse (flyer)	350
Missing Children Awareness (quiz)	200
<i>National Runaway Switchboard</i> (brochure)	452
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,692</b>

#### **APPENDIX IV**

### **Attorney General of Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse Operating Expenses 1997**

<b>Payroll:</b>		<b>\$ 103,941</b>
Administrative Assistant IV	65,139	
Public Inquires Assistant I	38,802	
<b>Miscellaneous Maintenance:</b>		<b>\$ 28,600</b>

Printing	26,000
Postage	1,000
Travel	500
Seminar	200
Telephone	900

**Equipment:**

**\$ 0**

Miscellaneous Office & Computer	0
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**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE**

**\$ 132,541**

