• Defines sex trafficking as:
  – (a) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act

• Defines severe forms of sex trafficking as:
  – (a) a commercial sex act [ ] induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age...
Of the endangered runaways reported to NCMEC in 2013, 1 out of 7 were likely child sex trafficking victims.

If we know traffickers are targeting these children, then it is our responsibility to make every effort to recover them and bring them to safety.
Why are Children Vulnerable to Recruitment?

- Runaway/homeless children
- Prior history of sexual abuse

Of the children reported missing to NCMEC who are also likely child sex trafficking victims, 67% were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran away.

- Children with a void in their lives:
  - Love – affection, sense of belonging, family
  - Safety – need protection from abuse in their homes
  - Basics – food, shelter, clothing
Child Sex Trafficking Team

Analytical resources to assist in the recovery of children who are victims of sex trafficking

Part of the Special Analysis Unit in the Case Analysis Division at NCMEC
Operational Services

• 24 hour Call Center 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)
• Missing Children Division
• Forensic imaging and age progression
• Forensic Services Unit
  – Long-term missing cases
  – Unidentified cases
• Case Analysis Division
• Exploited Children Division
  – CyberTipline®
  – Child Victim Identification Program® or CVIP®
Intake of Missing Child Cases

- NCMEC Call Center: 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)
- LE/family/legal guardian may report missing child
- Caller provides detailed information about missing child, child companions, abductor, pimp or other associates
- Case manager is assigned and the primary contact at NCMEC
- Case manager can assist with poster distribution, parent and victim services, and analytical support via the Case Analysis Division
• Child pornography
• Online enticement of children for sexual acts
• Child sex trafficking
• Child sexual molestation
• Child sex tourism
• Unsolicited obscene material sent to a child
• Misleading domain names
• Misleading words/digital images
Summary of Resources

- Missing child case is intaked and reviewed for CST indicators, provided to a NCMEC case manager and analysts support LE investigation and recovery effort.

- CyberTipline reports regarding possible child sex trafficking are received and referred to LE for investigation.

- Children who appear in images within ads are compared to missing children intaked at NCMEC.

- Missing posters are created/targeted and leads are received by the 24/7 call center.

- Key resources and support are offered to the family, recovered youth and other agencies involved in youth services and shelter.

No missing child reported to NCMEC is ever forgotten!
Child Sex Trafficking

Missing from Care, Recovery Planning, Care Coordination, Victim and Family Advocacy
Reporting: Kids Missing from Care

- What are your local law enforcement policies and response to missing/runaway children?

- What is your local Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice policy and response to missing/runaway children?

- What is the role and responsibility of local community-based organizations in reporting missing children?

- Are the goals and outcomes meeting the needs of children missing from care?

- Is there a role that NCMEC can play in streamlining and supporting these efforts?
CST cases are complex and child survivors of sex trafficking have experienced severe and multiple traumas.

Roadmap for recovery!

- Advanced recovery planning and preparation can
  - Mitigate challenges & barriers
  - Establish a team capable of providing immediate victim resources
  - Increase victim rapport
  - Build trust that can lead to better interviews
  - Increase victim cooperation and case success
  - Connect victim to appropriate services
Important Considerations

- Information sharing
- Define partner roles and boundaries
- Define partner limitations
- Outline expectations
What Is The Benefit?

- Reduced flight risk
- Reduced chance of returning to the life
- Reduced chance of using maladaptive coping
- Reconnection with children, family, and/or community
- Increased comprehensive support
- Increased positive view of the justice system
- Increased chance for additional information and new cases
Recovery Planning

- NCMEC has a Child Sex Trafficking program specialist who assists with recovery services planning both before and after recovery.
- Goal is to help mitigate challenges and improve victim rapport, building the trust that leads to better cooperation, interviews and case successes.
NCMEC’s Family Advocacy Division

- Crisis intervention
- Network of social work and counseling services
- Service coordination for ongoing therapeutic needs

- Team HOPE: Peer support network of family members who have had or still have a missing or sexually exploited child: 1-866-305-HOPE