

AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program Initiatives



AMBER Alert Program Mission Statement

The mission of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) is to safely recover missing, endangered, or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of law enforcement, media, transportation, and other partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation.



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 - Karin Ashby: Regions 3 (Indian Country)
- Liaisons work with state and regional partners to foster collaboration and maximize resources
- Liaisons are a resource to AMBER Alert Coordinators, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Managers and other AMBER Alert partners

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AATTAP Training Strategy

- We partner with local, regional, state and tribal law enforcement training academies, agencies and organizations to bring AMBER Alert Training Courses and Build a Course programs to their areas/facilities
 - Replaces the former regional approach to training scheduling and delivery
- We encourage you to collaborate with your law enforcement, public safety and non-profit partners to identify your training needs and to bring training to your community



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AATTAP Training Strategy (cont.)

- Direct cost of training delivery (instructor expenses, training material and logistics support) are covered by AATTAP
- Hosting agencies/organizations assist in marketing, outreach, providing an appropriate venue and onsite coordination responsibilities
- Complete details on hosting requirements are provided through the technical assistance request process
- **OJJDP TTA360 Process:** Centralized TTA request system to submit a request to an OJJDP provider, create and manage your own account, and view progress on your requests in real time

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Onsite Training: Programs Available

- Advanced Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases (AISCAC)
- Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children (FRMAC)
- Build-A-Course (BAC)
- Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children (CSRS)
- Child Abduction Response Team (CART)
- Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Certification

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Onsite Training: Programs Available (cont.)

- Child Abduction Search Tactics – Field Course (CAST)
- Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response (CST)
- Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country (CST-IC)
- Digital Evidence Investigations (DE)
- Interrogation Techniques in Child Exploitation Cases
- Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases (ISCAC)

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Onsite Training: Programs Available (cont.)

- Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children (LMAC)
- Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children in Tribal Communities (LMAC-IC)
- Advanced Cold Case Long Term Missing Case Management (LTM)
- Major Case Investigative Teams (MCIT)
- Multi-Disciplinary Response to High Risk Victims (MDR-HRV)
- Technology Facilitated Crimes in Indian Country (ICAC-IC)
- Tactical Canvassing Operations
- Tabletop Exercises on Child Abduction (DHS HSEEP Compliant)

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Additional Training Available

- Webinars
- eLearning Courses

MECP

The Interactions Between Drug and Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities







Online Training: Programs Available

- 100% Online
 - Child Abduction Response Team (CART) New Member (CART-NM)
 - Patrol First Response for Missing and Abducted Children (PATMAC)
 - Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children (TELMAC)
 - TELMAC Train the Trainer Module (TELMAC TTT)







Online Training: Programs Available (cont.)


- Blended: Online and Onsite/Classroom
 - Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Pre-Requisite Module
 - Required to be completed online before attending the onsite course
 - Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response Introductory Module
 - Open to the public, accessed via the course information site on the www.ncjtc.org/amberalert website
 - Designed to promote information and interest in attending the onsite CST training






Training Reach: 2010-2014


- Over 30,700 training completions
 - Online Learning
 - ▶ Over 19,250 course and module completions to date across AMBER Alert's online courses
 - Onsite Training/TA
 - ▶ Over 11,500 training completions across all courses and TA events
- Additional Events
 - Regional and state AMBER Alert Meetings
 - Southern Border Initiative Meetings
 - ICAC in Indian Country (IC) Meetings





A Closer Look

- **Child Abduction Response Teams (CART)** 
- AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative 
- Human Trafficking Training 





Purpose of CART

- CART involves a multi-disciplinary approach 
- Built upon coordination among state and local programs
- CART serves as an investigative force multiplier to assist law enforcement agencies involved in child abduction cases
- CART maximizes resources and creates a cohesive and dynamic response to missing and abducted child incidents



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 - The swift and dynamic use of resources, as demonstrated in the collaborative work the investigative agency undertook to obtain and analyze the video, was crucial in the development of the investigation that ultimately recovered Carlie, but unfortunately too late

“Time is of the essence – spend it searching for the child, not the resources.” Orlando, Florida, Regional Child Abduction Response Team



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AATAP CART Training Initiative

- The national CART initiative began in 2006
- Outcomes: January 2006 - December 2014
 - 3,792 team members trained representing 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas and Canada
 - 101 Operationally Ready teams
- Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California and their Mexican counterparts working toward joint AMBER Alert Plans and CART Programs





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CART Certification


- To complement the development of CART programs and to assess response capabilities, the AATTAP developed a CART Certification Program in 2007
- The Certification Program requires an onsite assessment of CART Programs and includes compliance review for "best practice" and 47 standards established for CART Programs
 - North Florida CART was first agency to receive certification in 2007
 - 21 programs have been certified by OJJDP to date
- Learn more about CART training and certification at www.ncjtc.org/amberalert






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AMBER Alert in Indian Country

- **MISSION:** To assist Tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover missing, endangered, exploited or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the tribes and their local, state and federal partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation in protecting children
- In 2006, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), announced the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative to establish and expand child recovery practices, capacity, and resources





AMBER Alert in Indian Country (cont.)

- More than 50 tribes have AMBER Alert programs in place or under development
- To date, approximately 1500 tribal officials and community members have attended training or participated in technical assistance programs
- CART Programs have been developed in 12 tribal communities
- Tribal instructors, Indian Country Intelligence Network, trackers for NCMEC, bloodhound donations to the tribes, Cold Case review, and infrastructure assessments in Indian Country are results of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative

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AMBER Alert in Indian Country (cont.)

- AMBER Alert Tribal Database Website and Resources: www.tribaldatabase.org
- The Tribal Database offers secure access to publications, case studies, community safety surveys, contact information and other resources for Tribal communities and public safety officials



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**Human Trafficking:
AATTAP Training Initiatives**


- 2012 Trafficking in Persons Symposium
 - Involved 127 SMEs from Law Enforcement, Social Services, Judicial System, Education, Health Care, Community and Faith-based initiatives
 - Purpose: To develop SME informed training for first responders, child welfare and juvenile justice personnel, medical professionals, educators, social service providers and the public that is aimed at supporting and enhancing abilities to identify and respond to child trafficking





Human Trafficking Training

- AATTAP's human trafficking training has been developed utilizing information and input from SMEs and survivors who participated in the 2012 symposium
- Research components and literature reviews were developed by institutions of higher learning, including Harvard, Southern Methodist University, Arizona State University, Johns Hopkins and the University of Texas at El Paso
- Human trafficking training focuses on a multi-disciplinary approach to identification, prevention, intervention, response and recovery






Human Trafficking Training (cont.)


- Our curriculum is built upon specialized training focusing on specific skills or subject matter
 - Law Enforcement Response to Child Sex Trafficking
 - Interviewing High Risk Victims
 - Interrogation Techniques for Exploitation and Trafficking Investigations
 - Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Native American Communities
 - Children at Risk in Border Communities





Additional AATTAP Human Trafficking Efforts

- Collaborative project with the Mexican Secretariat of the Interior (SEGOB) to identify points of origin of victims of human trafficking recovered in the United States to better understand causative factors leading to exploitation
- Tribal Youth Project to identify experiences and attitudes of Native American children in regards to exposure to crime, victimization and to correlation to high risk behavior



In Summary



Resources and Contact Information






Website Resources: www.ncjtc.org/amberalert







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