



missing children's network

Keeping hope alive



MISSION

Founded in 1985, the Missing Children's Network is the only organization in Quebec whose mission is to assist parents in the search for their missing child and to contribute, through comprehensive prevention programs, to a decrease in the occurrence of children disappearing.

HOW WE HELP

Supporting Families

Regardless of the motive for the disappearance, from running away to a parental abduction or criminal abduction, the Missing Children's Network's team supports, accompanies and counsels families whose child is missing. In addition, the team works closely with law enforcement agencies, child welfare organizations and the media in order to recover these children and bring them home safely.

Since its conception, the Missing Children's Network has:

- Supported law enforcement agencies and helped recover over 1,160 children;
- Provided crisis intervention services to more than 25,000 families;
- Printed hundreds of thousands of posters depicting missing children and distributed them throughout the world;
- Kept dozens of long-term unresolved missing children cases in the spotlight by commemorating their anniversary of disappearance;
- Generated 23 age-progressed photos in connection with 18 missing children's cases;
- Collaborated in the production of several documentaries that raise awareness about missing and exploited children – Nos enfants disparus, Enfants avertis, Papa est-là.

Committed to Keeping Children & Youth Safe

Based on our expertise in the search for missing children, the Missing Children's Network created an innovative and interactive Prevention Program designed to significantly reduce the abuse, aggression and victimization of children.

Thanks to this program, the Missing Children's Network has:

- Educated over 175,000 youngsters by providing them with personal safety strategies to ensure their own protection.
- Provided child identification booklets to over 200,000 families. These booklets help save precious minutes in the event a child disappears.
- Distributed over 415,000 safety publications to law enforcement agencies, parents, educators and other professionals.

A RESOURCE FOR THE MEDIA

The expertise of our organization in the area of missing children and the prevention of their disappearances is well-established. Our organization is regularly invited to participate in television shows and special reports or grant interviews on its activities or specific missing children cases.

Every year, the organization grants on average over 150 interviews to various media outlets in Quebec and across Canada.

A WELL-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

Today, the expertise of the Missing Children's Network in the field of missing and exploited children is widely recognized and the organization is regularly invited to collaborate in the development of new tools such as :

- The distribution of geo-targeted Amber Alert notices to Facebook users all across Canada;
- The implementation of the AMBER Alert program in Quebec;
- The development of smartphone applications;
- The creation of the website MissingKids.ca;
- The implementation of a training program for law enforcement regarding international parental abductions.



The Missing Children's Network has also received many honourable distinctions, including:

- The 2014 Joan Taavon Award;
- The 2012 Award of Excellence from the Our Missing Children Program of the RCMP;
- The 2012 Montreal Community Leadership Award;
- A Certificate of Merit from the Minister of Justice in recognition of the organization's commitment to the creation of safer communities in Canada;
- An honourable mention from the Quebec Commission of Human Rights and Youth Rights in recognition of the Network's remarkable contribution to the protection and defense of children in Quebec.



The **Missing Children's Network** is a recognized partner of the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains (NCMPUR) of the RCMP, and is also a proud member of AMECO (Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations).



To learn more about our unique and critical mission, visit our website at :

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