

APPENDIX 2

SOURCES TO HELP CAREGIVERS

Information regarding immediate response to locate missing children and some of the many national programs that have been instituted to protect and solve abductions are listed below. There are many other reputable sites.

AMBER Alert

Contact local law enforcement to activate an AMBER Alert to locate an abducted child. It will be broadcast immediately on the AMBER Alert network. They prepare the information and fax it to area radio and television stations and cable systems which interrupt programming and announce the alert. Television and cable systems run an information line with a photo of the child. The AMBER Alert is also a ticker-tape alert on the Internet and appears on electronic reader signs along freeways.

The AMBER Alert Plan was created in 1997 following the abduction of a nine-year-old girl who was brutally murdered in Texas. Outrage in the community stimulated local residents, radio stations and law enforcement to join together and develop an early warning system. This system was then set up as part of the "Protection Act of 2003" which legislated funding for a notification system along highways. It also implemented technology to improve broadcast communications when missing children are reported to law enforcement. For more information visit U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Program's AMBER Plan website.

Code Adam

A "Code Adam" alert is announced over the public address system when a customer reports a missing child to a store employee. A search is initiated immediately and all exits are monitored to prevent the child from leaving the store. If the child is not found in ten minutes or if the child is seen accompanied by someone other than a parent/guardian, the police are called. This nationwide child-safety program is named in memory of Adam Walsh, son of John Walsh of America's Most Wanted. Adam was abducted from a Florida shopping mall and murdered. This alert method was created in 1994 and promoted by Walmart but is now enacted in many locations.

Jacob Wetterling Foundation 1-800-325-HOPE

www.jwrc.org

Eleven-year-old Jacob Wetterling was abducted in 1989. He has never been found. The Jacob Wetterling Resource Center has excellent online

educational information. The organization is dedicated to making the world safer for children by building community awareness, supporting law enforcement and helping the criminal justice system.

National Child Pornography Tipline 1-800-843-5678

www.cybertipline.com

Submit reports of sexual exploitation of children. Examples: child prostitution, online enticement of children for sexual acts, unsolicited obscene material sent to a child.

Crimes Against Children (CAC) Program

www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/crimesmain.htm

The Federal Bureau of Investigation designed and instituted this program in 1997 to provide a quick effective response to all incidences of crime against children. These include sexual exploitation, child pornography, abduction, domestic and international parental kidnapping and National Sex Offender Registry information. The priority of rapid response increases the safe recovery of victimized children and reduces the level of crime in which children are targets. It provides victim/witness assistance services and resource teams to investigate and prosecute CAC that cross legal, geographical and jurisdictional boundaries. A Child Abduction Rapid Deployment (CARD) Team consisting of 4-6 members responds to help local law enforcement.

FBI National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC)

www.fbi.gov/hq/isd/cirg/ncavc.htm

Located at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, NCAVC provides many services which include profiles of offenders, crime analysis, behavioral assessments, expert testimony, laboratory services, research regarding child abductions and serial homicides, and training for the law enforcement community.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 1-800-THE-LOST

www.missingkids.com

Educational publications are available free of charge in single copies by contacting the Publication Department at Charles B. Wang International Children's Building, 699 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-317

Request: "**Child Protection**" a pamphlet which provides an excellent detailed overview of child safety recommendations.

APPENDIX 3

PEDOPHILE CHARACTERISTICS

The following are general descriptions taken from many sources which correlate with pedophile behavior. If identified as single actions, they should not be considered reasons to notify authorities. This is an overview of findings documented by researchers and law enforcement in pedophiles who have been apprehended.

Pedophiles are adept liars
Strives to be alone with kids
Males of any age, few or no friends his age, no close friends
Seeks systematic prolonged access to children through work and volunteer for jobs
Sympathetic listeners who target troubled or withdrawn children
Decorates area or room in a child's theme, collects toys
Collects theme pornography as a fantasy-driven behavior
Collects "paraphernalia" to remind them of their sexual desires
Saves souvenirs from encounters such as photos
Tapes TV programs or buys videos (ex. boys' workout tape)
Boys mingling with younger children--a red flag to watch for aberrant behavior
Single men who never marry or live with their parents, don't date and target children
Sexual encounters based on pleasure, companionship and caring are nonexistent
Shy, uncommunicative, backward, with poor interpersonal skills
Volatile, withdrawn or hostile behavior
Difficulty interacting with adults
Seek girlfriends with children of their focused age
May marry women who have children of their focused age
Church affiliations giving them access to children
Interest in guns, uniforms, handcuffs
Gifting and paying unusual attention to a child
Loitering around playgrounds
Excessive friendliness to parents
Takes videos of acts and victims
Photography, with an interest in kids
Psychopathic Triad: Missing or maimed pets, fire-setting plus bed-wetting = high risk
Lack remorse and empathy, may fake emotions
Childhood sexual abuse is a risk factor for developing pedophilia
Pedophiles tend to choose their age-specific victims in accordance with the age of their own experience of sexual victimization

Choose activities that enable them power and proximity to kids

Examples: Camp counselors, bus drivers, babysitters, foster parents, coaches, photographers, childcare, special education teachers, ministers, school principals

APPENDIX 4**PROTECTING THE CHILDREN**

The following are general descriptions taken from many sources which may decrease abduction and molestation risks for children. Other items listed are sometimes seen in abused children and are provided to raise awareness that a child may be a victim who has been coerced into silence. If identified as single actions, they should not be considered reasons to notify authorities but may be a reason to contact your family doctor to discuss problems.

NEVER let your children walk or bicycle alone.

Your children should be comfortable talking to you about any topic.

The molester is often a family member or someone well-known to the family.

Tell your children it is okay to say “No!” to any adult, even a policeman or minister.

Remember the helpful-policeman-guise is commonly used by abductors.

Instruct your children to stay away from vehicles parked along the sidewalk or road.

If someone actually grabs them, the child should fight to get away: kick, scream and bite.

Be suspicious if someone is paying unusual attention to your child.

Pelvic irritation, bleeding and itching may be from sexual contact.

Observance of unusual behavior with sexual overtones requires investigation.

Bed-wetting after a child has been dry. (May be unrelated bladder infection; see a doctor.)

Watch for behavior changes such as acting out, showing fear or avoiding a certain adult.

Avoidance of touching when child has been comfortable with hugs from family.

Girls who avoid touching or try to make themselves appear unattractive.

Child molesters are commonly live-in boyfriends and babysitters.

Be wary of Internet dating; the date may be targeting your child.

Know what your children are doing on the Internet.

Encourage your children to say “No!” to photos without your supervision.

Be cautious of any overnight invitations.