



## Program Fact Sheet

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 and capabilities and increase public participation. **As of January 2018, 910 abducted children have been recovered as a result of the AMBER Alert Program.**

### About the National AMBER Alert Network

- AATTAP supports training, information sharing and community of practice collaborations with over 300 AMBER Alert state, local, regional, Tribal, Mexican and Canadian Coordinators, Clearinghouse Managers, CART Coordinators and law enforcement representatives
- The *AMBER Advocate* newsletter reaches more than 50,000 child protection professionals four times each year through both print and web-based reading options
- Regional and Tribal AMBER Alert Liaisons work with designated geographical regions including all states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, Tribal communities, Canada, and Mexico to provide technical assistance, training, and policy development

### Reach of AMBER Alert Training Programs (October 2013 – January 2018)

- **317 training sessions** have been delivered, reaching every state in the U.S. and numerous Tribal communities, Canada and Mexico; representatives from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Guam, Greece, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Portugal and Belgium have attended training sessions as well
- Across all onsite training and technical assistance events, over **26,600 participants** have received more than **403,809 hours** of training, with **98%** providing “good” or “excellent” overall evaluation ratings
- Additionally, more than **23,000 participants** have completed training through online learning, with over **94,000 hours** of online training delivered, resulting in **98%** of users providing “good” or “excellent” overall ratings
- **Over 30 webinars** have been conducted for national audiences of topics ranging from child abduction dynamics to managing sex offenders within the community
- **37 classroom courses and nine eLearning courses are available;** and offer more than 180 modules of instruction for customized training development through our ‘Build a Course’ option
- **Eleven national roundtable meetings with parents and siblings of missing and abducted children** have been conducted to determine response issues and help improve services to families, investigations and prosecution
- **Three national roundtable meetings with survivors of child sex trafficking** have been conducted to help inform the training and development of first responders, service providers and court personnel dealing with cases involving the trafficking and exploitation of minors\

### The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Network

- The National CART Initiative began in 2006
- CART training programs from January 2006 - December 2017, have reached **5232** team members representing 48 US states/territories, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Canada



- As of January 2018, there are **279 active teams** representing 48 US states and territories; and two international teams
- Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California and their Mexican counterparts are working toward joint AMBER Alert Plans and CART Programs to serve and protect border communities

### The CART Certification Program

- To establish a verification of response capability, a CART Certification process was established in 2007; CART programs throughout the United States continue to seek CART Certification
- There are 23 CART programs currently certified which have successfully met all 47 standards and have completed a required mock child abduction exercise; a complete listing of certified CART programs can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/AMBERCertifiedCARTs>

### The AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative

- The initiative began in 2007 to establish and expand the child recovery practices, capacity, and resources in Tribal communities
- Over **100 Tribal communities** have partnered with their State or Regional AMBER Alert plans
- Over **1600 Tribal officials and community members** have attended training or participated in technical assistance programs
- These partnership and training efforts have contributed to successful child recoveries involving AMBER Alerts or CART activations in Tribal communities
- **Three national symposiums on Tribal child protection** have been conducted, bringing together community leaders, child protection officials, state, local and federal partners to address issues related to the protection of children in Tribal communities
- **Over 200 community child protection capabilities assessments** have been conducted
- **The Tribal Database website** ([www.tribaldatabase.org](http://www.tribaldatabase.org)) and secure database resource have been developed to provide a platform for the exchange of information, collection of data and resources for tribal communities related to missing endangered, abducted and exploited children in Indian Country
- The AMBER Alert in Indian Country initiative has developed tribal instructors, supported the Indian Country Intelligence Network, trained search trackers for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), provided bloodhound donations to the tribes, administered Cold Case reviews, and conducted infrastructure assessments

### The Southern Border Initiative

- AATTAP has worked closely with the US Embassy, Mexico City, the US DOJ Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Procurador General de la República of Mexico (PGR), and state AMBER Alert Coordinators to develop protocols to create **Protocolo Alerta AMBER**, a federally administered comprehensive child recovery program which is consistent with programs in the U.S. and Canada
- AATTAP has **trained over 700 state, local and federal child protection officials in the U.S. and Mexico** and has conducted joint training programs and table top exercises involving U.S. and Mexican officials working together to address issues related to cross border abductions, trafficking and exploitation
- Since 2016, AATTAP has participated in **six regional meetings in the U.S. and Mexico**, including a tri-national AMBER Alert conference



### Program Evaluation Results: Making an Impact

- Past TTA evaluations have been exemplary; with more than 90% of respondents reporting they found AATTAP courses productive and satisfying, gained new insights and information and intended to change or improve both personal approach to their work and advocate for or effect changes and improvement to agency plans, policies and/or procedures
- 2017 Program evaluation results from four of AATTAP's most attended courses offer an example of how the overall training was received satisfactorily
  - **Child Abduction Response Team Training:** 96.6% agree or strongly agree
  - **Advanced Cold Case Long Term Case Investigations:** 97.1% agree or strongly agree
  - **Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases:** 93.8% agree or strongly agree
  - **Digital Evidence Investigations:** 98.1% agree or strongly agree
- The following evaluation scores from five 2017 deliveries of the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Course provide an example of average results across all modules of a single course
  - **Legal Issues and CART Module**
    - 94.3 % reported the module Increased their knowledge in the subject area
    - 95.4% reported they will be able to apply the information or skills obtained from the module in their profession
  - **CART Foundation: Structure, Protocols and Procedures Module**
    - 93.3% reported the module Increased their knowledge in the subject area
    - 91.1% reported they will be able to apply the information or skills obtained from the module in their profession
  - **Maintaining and Sustaining CART Module –**
    - 92.3% reported the module Increased their knowledge in the subject area
    - 92.5% reported they will be able to apply the information or skills obtained from the module in their profession

### Courses for Onsite/Classroom Delivery

In addition to attending or requesting the onsite courses below, the **Build-A-Course Customized Module Design option** allows you work with NCJTC and AMBER Alert to identify a unique combination of modules of instruction from our total menu of courses, so that specific training, policy and operational needs can be effectively met through training.

1. Abduction: Family Perspective
2. Advanced Cold Case Long-Term Missing Investigations
3. Advanced Interviewing and Case Management for High Risk Juveniles in Indian Country
4. Advanced Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases
5. At Risk Youth – Lessons Learned
6. Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children
7. Call Taker Training for Tribal Communities
8. Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children
9. Child Abduction Case Studies
10. Child Abduction Response Team Training
11. Child Abduction Response Team Certification
12. Child Abduction Search Tactics Field Course
13. Child Abduction Training for Tribal Communities



14. Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise
15. Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response
16. Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country
17. Developing Community Communications to Protect Children
18. Digital Evidence Investigations
19. Effectively Working with Tribal Law Enforcement for Missing and Abducted Children
20. High Risk Victims in Indian Country
21. Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Tribal Communities
22. Indian Country Child Abduction Response Team Training (CART)
23. Interrogation Techniques in Child Exploitation Cases
24. Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases
25. Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children
26. Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children in Indian Country
27. Managing Child Sex Trafficking for System Managers / CEOs
28. Major Case Investigative Teams
29. Multi-Disciplinary Response to High Risk Victims
30. New AMBER Alert Coordinator Orientation
31. Prosecutors Strategies for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Cases
32. Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in Tribal Casinos, Hotel and Travel Plazas
33. Response to Missing and Abducted College Students
34. Shielding our Community for Endangered, Missing and Abducted Children
35. Tactics for Immediate Response and Rescue
36. Technology Facilitated Crimes Against Children in Indian Country
37. The Role of Technology: Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

### Online, On Demand Courses and Modules

**NCJTC and AMBER Alert's ON DEMAND eLearning** gives you the ability to subscribe to an entire catalog of online training (courses, modules and webinars) that best meets your needs, providing you instant self-enrollment and 24/7 access to work on training at times that best fit your schedule.

1. Building AMBER Alert in Indian Country
2. Child Abduction Response Team Training for New Members
3. Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response Introductory Module
4. Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases
5. (Spanish Language) Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children
6. Law Enforcement and Community Response to Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country
7. Patrol First Response for Missing and Abducted Children
8. Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children
9. Train the Trainer: Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children