



INDIANA CLEARINGHOUSE for Information on MISSING CHILDREN & MISSING ENDANGERED ADULTS

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2025 Indiana Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The Indiana State Police is proud to partner again in 2025 with the U.S. Department of Justice in promoting the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25th as National Missing Children's Day. This day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers and all concerned individuals with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority.

It serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and loved ones. It also serves as an occasion to honor those who are dedicated to this very noble cause. The National Missing Children's Poster Contest provides an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and parents/guardians to discuss and promote child safety.

The state winner will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice and their poster will be selected to go to the national judging competition. The national winner, along with his/her parents and teacher, and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

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**41st Annual Missing Children's Day
Poster Contest Winner
Hanna L. | South Carolina**

OUR PURPOSE

To provide healthcare and educational communities resources to aide in the recovery of unidentified or missing persons. There are over 1,000 missing persons in Indiana's Law Enforcement database. Together with hospitals, Vital Records, State Department of Health, Family and Social Services, and other agencies, we can greatly reduce the number of missing persons in Indiana.





Poster Contest, con't

Some important facts about the contest:

- There is NO LIMIT on the number of posters a school can submit;
- Only one (1) poster per student is allowed for submission;
- Students who submit posters MUST be in the 5th grade;
- Artwork should reflect the theme “Bringing Our Missing Children Home.” This phrase MUST appear somewhere on the poster;
- The finished poster MUST measure 8.5 x 14 inches;

- A COMPLETED application must accompany the poster;
- For a full list of contest rules can be found here: [2025 Indiana Missing Children’s Day Poster Contest Packet](#);
- **Deadline for submissions to be received is February 21, 2024.**

Send submissions to:
Indiana State Police Museum
Attn: Sergeant Seth Tumey
8660 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

What we’re doing...

In October, the Indiana Clearinghouse hosted the Fall 2024 meeting of the I-Search (Inter-State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children) Advisory Council. In the March 2025 issue of the Quarterly Directory we will share more in-depth information on I-Search.



Get Involved: CyberTipline

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) [CyberTipline](#) is the nation’s centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. The public and electronic service providers can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, extra-familial child sexual molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child, misleading domain names, and misleading words or digital images on the internet.

NCMEC staff review each tip and work to find a potential location for the incident reported so that it may be made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. We also use the information from our CyberTipline reports to help shape our prevention and safety messages.

If you know of a child being sexually exploited online, report it at [CyberTipline.org](#) or 1-800-THE-LOST.



Indiana SILVER ALERT

Indiana's Active Silver Alerts

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JA'NIYAH MCMICHAEL is a 13-year-old female, 4 feet 3 inches tall, with black hair and brown eyes.

Ja'Niyah is missing from Gary, Indiana which is 151 miles northwest of Indianapolis and was last seen on August 11, 2024.

If you have any information on Ja'Niyah McMichael, contact the Gary Police Department at 219-881-1201 or 911.



ROGER PURCELL is a 50-year-old male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with black hair and brown eyes.

Roger is missing from West Harrison, Indiana which is 85 miles southeast of Indianapolis and was last seen on June 20, 2024.

If you have any information on Roger Purcell, contact the Franklin County Sheriff's Department at 765-647-4138 or 911.



ELLA SAYLOR is a 15-year-old female, 5 feet 4 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes.

Ella is missing from Muncie, Indiana which is 60 miles north-east of Indianapolis and was last seen on February 3, 2024.

If you have information on Ella Saylor, contact the Muncie Police Department at 765-747-4838 or 911.

Silver Alert Criteria

For a Silver Alert request to be taken into consideration, the following criteria must be met:

1. The person must be a Missing Endangered Adult (I.C. 12-7-2-131.3), a Missing Endangered Child (I.C. 10-13-5-4.4), a High Risk Missing Person (I.C. 5-2-17-1), or have a mental impairment validated through a credible medical authority (MD, PA or NP).
2. There must be enough descriptive information to believe the broadcast will help.
3. Request must be recommended by the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.
4. Enter the person into IDACS/NCIC with message key EME.

For complete information on all eligible Indiana Alert Requests visit the [Indiana Clearinghouse website](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

You can receive Missing Person Alerts in your inbox, straight from the source!

As part of a statewide Indiana agency initiative, the Indiana State Police is transitioning to a new email platform for subscribers and the media to receive Missing Person Alert notifications. If you currently subscribe to receive updates and releases through GovDelivery, please follow this [link](#) to ensure your subscription is uninterrupted, or sign up as a new subscriber. Alert notifications are included under "News You Can Use."





MISSING CHILD Posters

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Devin Steen
NCIC# M178120334

- Missing Since: September 29, 2024
- Indianapolis, IN
- Age Now: 16 Years Old
- Male

How you can help



- Scan, View, & Share
- Report Sighting CALL 911 or 1-800-THE-LOST

Lawrence Police Department (Indiana)
1-317-545-7575



Maria Melgar-Alas
NCIC# M528264058

- Missing Since: December 9, 2024
- Lafayette, IN
- Age Now: 17 Years Old
- Female

How you can help



- Scan, View, & Share
- Report Sighting CALL 911 or 1-800-THE-LOST

Lafayette Police Department (Indiana)
1-925-284-5010

For more Indiana Missing Persons posters, go to missingkids.org.

Missing Persons Bulletin

Information for the Children above is accurate from the time of publication.
Please check the Missing Persons Bulletin for up to date listings of Indiana Missing Persons.

<https://www.in.gov/isp/3187.htm>

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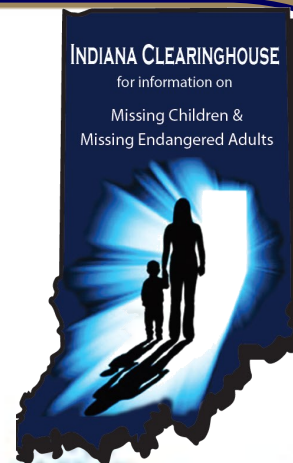
for Information on MISSING CHILDREN & MISSING ENDANGERED ADULTS

Address: 100 N. Senate Ave. N340 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: 800-831-8953

Email: missingchildren@isp.in.gov

Website: www.in.gov/isp/2333.htm



Helpful Resources / Links

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Indiana State Police

in.gov/isp/3187.htm

The Missing Person Bulletin is a valuable resource available for you to check and confirm if a person is identified as missing in the State of Indiana. The bulletin is updated daily Monday through Friday with information from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Indiana Data and Communication System (IDACS). Always check the date at the bottom of the page to confirm when the bulletin was last updated. If there is any doubt, feel free to call the Clearinghouse at 800-831-8953.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

1-800-843-5678 or missingkids.org

The mission of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. They operate a 24/7 national hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) for tips and reports related to missing and sexually exploited children, create and distribute missing child posters, redistribute AMBER Alerts, operate the CyberTipline for child sexual exploitation, help locate victims of child sex trafficking, assist law enforcement with tracking non-compliant sex offenders, provide crisis intervention and counseling referrals, and ensure that victims of child sex trafficking have access to the recovery services and support they need.

National Runaway Safeline

1-800-RUNAWAY or 1800runaway.org

The mission of the National Runaway Safeline is to help keep America's runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. The 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and 1800RUNAWAY.org online crises services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year throughout the United States and its territories, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

1-855-626-7600 or namus.gov

NamUs is a national information clearinghouse and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases across the United States. Funded and administered by the National Institute of Justice and managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas, all NamUs resources are provided at no cost to law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals, and family members of missing persons.

Who we are



The Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults in 2009. The Clearinghouse is intended to serve as the state central repository for all information on missing children and missing endangered adults from Indiana or believed to be in Indiana. The program is designed to collect, store, and disseminate information on missing children and missing and endangered adults. The Clearinghouse provides liaison among citizens, private organizations, and law enforcement agencies regarding missing children information.