



## MISSING CHILD LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE



**The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act**  
(2015) USMS granted permission to “assist state, local and other federal law enforcement agencies, upon request of such an agency, in locating and recovering missing children.”

- Family Abductions**
- Non-Family Abductions**
- Endangered Runaways**
- Lost Children**
- Injured Children**
- Otherwise Missing**

### **HOW TO REQUEST USMS ASSISTANCE**

1. Ensure child is entered into NCIC.
2. Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800 843-5678 to report the missing child.
3. Contact your local USMS District office or Task Force: [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov)
  - 3a. Request Form USM-641 to be completed and submitted back to USMS personnel.
  - 3b. Articulate the risk factors to the child.
4. Ensure arrangements are made in advance for the custody of the missing child upon recovery.

The USMS can assist if:  
there is a full extradition  
warrant for the abductor or  
missing child  
*or*  
the child is a suspected victim  
of violent crime  
*or*  
LE indicates elevated risk to the  
missing child  
*and*  
local USMS resources are  
available.

Responsibility for any associated criminal investigation and collection of evidence is retained by lead agency, not the US Marshals Service.