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CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN INITIATIVE



The Ohio Attorney General's Crimes Against Children Initiative helps local law enforcement agencies investigate and prosecute criminals who victimize children.



Staff experts throughout the Attorney General's Office stand ready to assist with investigations, prosecutions, training and technology. Special agents, victim advocates and special prosecutors with the attorney general's Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Crime Victim Services Section and Criminal Justice Section can help with criminal cases and, if needed, respond to crime scenes as part of a Rapid Response Team.

BCI's Crimes Against Children team focuses on fighting crimes such as:

- Online trading of child pornography
- Sex offenses involving child victims
- Human trafficking
- Shaken baby syndrome/abusive head trauma

The team has expertise in:

- Undercover online chats.
- Forensic analysis of computers.
- Warrant enforcement for non-compliant sex offender registrants.
- Amber Alerts and Missing Endangered Children Alerts.



PROTECTING ★ THE ★ UNPROTECTED

For assistance, call **855-BCI-OHIO**
(855-224-6446) or email
CAC@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.



RESOURCES

Laptop loan program

Laptop computers are available to law enforcement agencies that want to pursue cases involving online chats or online trading of child pornography. To be eligible, agency staff members must complete a training course through BCI or the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy or, with BCI approval, a comparable course. Laptop supplies are limited.

Special prosecutors

Several of the attorney general's special prosecutors focus on cases involving crimes against children. They have years of experience prosecuting cases that involve child exploitation via the internet, importuning, child pornography and physical and sexual assault.

Victim advocacy

At local prosecutors' request, experienced victim advocates accompany victims to court and serve as liaisons to prosecutors. They also provide information on the court system and victims' rights, make referrals to social service agencies and other local resources, and help with victim compensation claims.

Case investigation

BCI special agents involved in the CAC Initiative are specially trained to investigate sexual and physical assaults against children, child pornography, other forms of exploitation and missing children cases, as well as conduct undercover chat. Intelligence analysts are available to collect, process and analyze data to help solve and prosecute these crimes.

Forensic analysis

Special agents and forensic specialists are trained to investigate cybercrimes by analyzing computers, cellphones and other electronic devices for evidence of crimes against children.

Training and technical assistance

The Attorney General's Office can train law enforcement and prosecutors in handling cases involving child victims and child witnesses, undercover online chat, child pornography file sharing, human trafficking, child deaths, missing persons and more.