

OUR MISSION

Find missing and exploited youth, help them heal, and support law enforcement to make our communities safer.

WHAT WE DO

Founded in 2017, **Special Operations | Finding Kids** is a charitable organization that vets, hires, and deploys private investigators to find missing children, and provide youth and families with the aftercare support they need. We collaborate with law enforcement, educators, child welfare and other NGOs to keep kids safe in their communities.

THE PROBLEM

Every year hundreds of thousands of children are reported as missing to police in our country. Over 95% of these children are classified as runaways and do not qualify for an Amber Alert.

Teens are especially vulnerable to exploitation as most are connected online, allowing predators easy access. Teens are also easy to manipulate and deceive.

It is believed that of the children who are trafficked, less than 1% are ever identified as victims. If not identified or found in time, these precious children cannot get the help they desperately need.

Law enforcement does not always have the resources to conduct complex on-line and field investigations into runaway or vulnerable youth. It takes a public-private collaboration between law enforcement and the community to solve this hidden crime.

FINDING KIDS

“ Law enforcement needs Special Operations. ”

DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE WAGSTAFFE
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WHAT WE DO

- As soon as we accept a case, we assign a private investigator to begin the search process of bringing the child to safety immediately. We pursue leads from information gathered through witness interviews, surveillance and cyber analysis.
- We vet, train, and supervise licensed Private Investigators to conduct search activities leverage cyber analysis, field surveillance, witness interviews, and other intelligence gathering activities.
- We are professional, ethical and efficient. We operate within the state-defined legal parameters and deliver actionable findings directly to local law enforcement to assist with their criminal investigations where relevant.
- Where needed, we can provide training to local law enforcement on the specialized investigative techniques necessary to identify and locate missing or exploited children.

- We serve parents in crisis by liaising with service providers, aftercare facilities, law enforcement and other NGOs, to streamline their support and help address their immediate and longer term needs.
- Our services are funded by generous community members. Youth, their families, and law enforcement bear no cost.

“ Working with [private investigator] was an absolute delight. Her unwavering commitment and devotion to children is unquestionable. The wealth of knowledge and experience she brings to Finding Kids is truly priceless. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable contributions made by your organization. ”

Assistant Sheriff Mike Bradwell
Colusa County Sheriff's Office

YOUTH AND PARENT SUPPORT

Before, during, and after recovery, we provide trauma-informed care to support parents and help their children heal. Through counseling, coaching, and practical support, we guide the child and family unit toward long-term recovery. When victims feel safe and empowered, they are more likely to choose to testify against their perpetrators. When predators are taken off the streets, our communities become safer for all.



Our vision is to live in a society where every child is safe and thriving.

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LISA (15) met a boy on-line who she assumed was her age. Instead of visiting a girlfriend (as she had told her parents), she met up with this unknown individual and never returned home. Over the next 48 hours our private investigator monitored videos from a variety of business locations where Lisa was thought to have gone the day she disappeared. He analyzed Lisa's on-line interactions in real time and working undercover, the investigator obtained her location. This intel was immediately relayed to law enforcement, prompting a coordinated response. Lisa was safely recovered, and the individual was taken into custody.

After the recovery, **Special Operations | Finding Kids** joined the local county's Multi-Disciplinary Team to review the operation. Our aftercare parent and youth advocates provided resources, on-line safety education and mentoring support to Lisa and her family. Lisa is back in school and doing well.