

CASE EXAMPLE

Lisa (15) connected online with someone she believed was her age. Instead of visiting a friend, she met the individual and did not return home.

Her mother filed a missing child report with the local PD and was referred to FindingKids.org for additional support. A private investigator was assigned immediately. Within 48 hours, real-time analysis of Lisa's online communications, combined with targeted field work, produced actionable intelligence that was relayed to law enforcement, leading to her safe recovery and the arrest of a suspect.

Following her recovery, the Finding Kids Aftercare team provided resources, safety education, and mentoring support to Lisa and her family, helping stabilize the home and build the trust and support needed for Lisa to engage with detectives and participate in the ongoing case.



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LET'S FIND EVERY ONE.

To submit a case requiring our support,
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ABOUT FINDING KIDS

Founded in 2017, Finding Kids hires private investigators and retired law enforcement to recover missing youth, especially those at risk of exploitation. Our Aftercare team provides care for families through personal guidance and practical support as they rebuild stability at home. Through our Decoy Program, we work directly with law enforcement agencies to identify predators and hold them accountable before they can harm more children.



THE PROBLEM

Every year, thousands of children are reported missing in the United States. Most are labeled as “runaways” and do not qualify for an Amber Alert. Yet many of these youth are highly vulnerable to exploitation, often through online grooming and manipulation by predators.

Law enforcement agencies face resource constraints, particularly when cases require complex digital investigations and extensive field work. Collaboration between law enforcement and community partners like Finding Kids helps close that gap, giving vulnerable children a stronger chance of being found and brought home safely.

WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE CAN HELP

- Finding Kids hires licensed private investigators, retired law enforcement officers, and cyber intelligence specialists to assist in locating missing and exploited youth across Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada.
- Upon case acceptance, a private investigator is assigned immediately to begin search operations.
- Our investigators analyze digital footprints, monitor online activity, pursue real-time leads, gather evidence, and conduct targeted field work such as canvassing for witnesses and posting missing flyers.
- All investigative activity operates within established legal parameters and produces actionable intelligence that is shared directly and immediately with law enforcement.
- When a child's location is identified, local law enforcement is notified to conduct the recovery. Finding Kids investigators never make direct contact with the child.
- Finding Kids operates county-based decoy programs to identify predators targeting minors online. Through formal law enforcement partnerships, decoys document solicitation attempts, preserve evidence, and provide intelligence that support arrests and prosecutions.
- All services are funded through local philanthropic support and are provided at no cost to families or law enforcement agencies.



AFTERCARE: YOUTH AND PARENT SUPPORT

- The Finding Kids Aftercare team supports families during and after investigations, coordinating with service providers, law enforcement, and other partner organizations to address immediate needs and long-term recovery.
- Parents receive guidance and practical support to stabilize their families.
- When children feel safe and supported, they are more likely to cooperate with investigations and help bring offenders to justice.

RECORD OF SUCCESS

“Working with the Finding Kids PI was a great experience. Her commitment and devotion to children is unquestionable. The depth of knowledge and experience she brought to the case was priceless.”

— Assistant Sheriff Mike Bradwell,
Colusa County Sheriff's Office

“Law Enforcement needs Finding Kids.”

— District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe,
San Mateo County