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Ohio Attorney General's CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN INITIATIVE

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

'The safety of children in this state is my top priority.'

— Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

Expert staff members throughout the Attorney General's Office stand ready to assist law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices with investigations, prosecutions, training, and technology. Special agents, victim advocates, and special prosecutors with the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Crime Victim 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 has expertise in:

- Undercover online chat
- Online trading of child pornography
- Forensic analysis of computers
- Sex offenses involving child victims
- Human trafficking
- Shaken baby syndrome/abusive head trauma
- Warrant enforcement for noncompliant sex offender registrants

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

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CAC Resources

Laptop Loan Program: Laptop computers are available to law enforcement agencies wishing to pursue cases involving online chat or online trading of child pornography. To be eligible, agency staff must complete a training course through BCI and 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 perpetrators for 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 trained to investigate cyber crimes analyze computers, cell phones, 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/witnesses, undercover online chat, child pornography file sharing, human trafficking, child deaths, and missing persons. Other topics available upon request.

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