



# Child Sex Trafficking Recovery Services Team (RST)

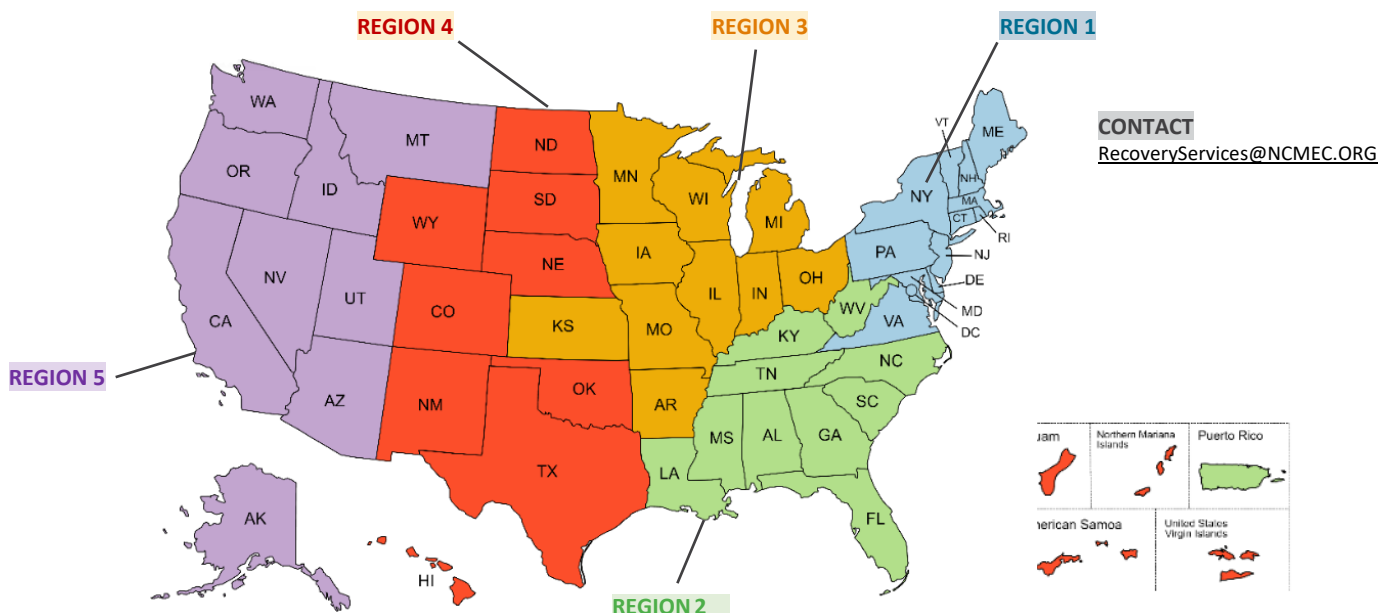
The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is available to provide specialized technical assistance, support, and resources to child welfare and other child-serving professionals working with missing children who are victims of child sex trafficking.

RST Resource Specialists are assigned to multi-state regions and available to offer the following assistance for cases involving child sex trafficking:

- » Share promising practices in trauma-informed responses and reducing running behavior
- » Provide case-based assistance in the development of trauma-informed and victim-centered recovery plans
- » Connect professionals to local and national resources that provide specialized services
- » Provide resources and support on meaningful youth engagement, effective approaches to trauma responses, strategies to address and reduce running behavior, and safety planning
- » Provide training and assist with protocol development
- » Support multidisciplinary efforts to prevent revictimization

## Why Recovery Planning?

When a survivor of child sex trafficking is recovered or returns to child welfare care, it is a disruption, or a pause, in their victimization. Recovery Planning recognizes this disruption as an unparalleled opportunity to begin to break the cycle of exploitation through intentional, planned, trauma-informed, and victim-centered engagement. Informed and specialized engagement at the time of and following recovery, has the potential to discredit the lies and manipulation of a trafficker and start to build the foundation of healthy, caring relationships.



NCMEC has developed a three-part Child Sex Trafficking Training “Addressing Child Sex Trafficking: Risk Factors, Recognition and Response”. You can access it [here](#).