



FACT SHEET

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) TASK FORCES

- Recognizing the Internet's dangers and the real risk of technology facilitated child sexual exploitation, the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), acting on Congressional authorization and funding, developed in 1998 the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program to assist state and local law enforcement agencies with acquiring the necessary knowledge, equipment, and personnel resources needed to prevent, interdict, or investigate ICAC offenses.
- Now numbering 46, the ICAC Task Forces are on the front line addressing computer facilitated child sexual exploitation through aggressive investigations, prosecutions, computer forensics and community outreach. The Task Forces have become regional centers of technical and investigative expertise offering both prevention and investigative services to youth, parents, educators, law enforcement, and others working on child sexual exploitation issues.
- Since the program's inception in 1998, the Task Forces have reviewed nearly 200,000 complaints over the last eight years, resulting in the arrest of over 7,500 individuals across the country intent on sexually victimizing children.
- A major source of these complaints are forwarded from the National Center for Missing Exploited Children's Cybertipline now totaling over 350,000 complaints since the system was activated in 1998.
- In addition to Cybertipline referrals, the ICAC Task Forces regularly conduct undercover operations across the country netting individuals bent on enticing and traveling to meet with those they perceive are young, vulnerable children.
- The ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Program, an OJJDP supported effort, provides training to thousands of law enforcement personnel and prosecutors in the United States and around the world in 17 countries.
- In 2004 alone, undercover investigations resulted in the ICAC Task Forces across the country having contact with nearly 2,000 individuals resulting in over 500 arrests of individuals intent on meeting children for sexual encounters. In 2005, undercover investigations revealed contact with nearly 3,500 individuals resulting in over 600 arrests.
- Since 1998, the ICAC Task Force program has received \$82 million in funding from OJJDP.