

Student Safety Topic: Child Abduction & Human Trafficking

The Numbers:

- According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 465,000 missing child reports were made to law enforcement in 2016.
- According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 79 percent of trafficking victims are women and children.

Be Prepared:

- Develop safety tips with your child/student. Make sure they know who is allowed to pick them up from school or other locations.
- Be sure to discuss how to respond if faced with situations that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Identify trusted adults with whom your child/student can talk if he/she has safety concerns.
- Have a plan in place in case of an emergency. Keep information, including a current picture, about your child/student readily available.



Know who to contact!

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
1-800-843-5678

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Visit our webpage for additional resources!
<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>

College & Career Readiness Topic: Preparing for the Future

Begin the Discussion



From school field trips to internships, it is important for students to learn about a variety of careers. Teachers can nurture students' interests by discussing multiple careers and inviting guest speakers to the classroom. Parents can talk with their child about their job and provide opportunities, if possible, for their child to job shadow. Additional information about careers is available online. Talk with your school's guidance counselor to learn more.

Finishing Strong is the Focus



Students are encouraged to take the ACT multiple times in high school. ACT data show an increase in students' composite scores the more times the test is taken. ACT fee waivers are available for students who qualify. High school students also should prepare a resume and consider doing an internship with a local business. Many colleges consider extracurricular activities when awarding scholarships.

Continue the conversation...

- What community and work opportunities are available to help my child/my student prepare for the future?
- What financial resources are available to help my child/my student with college and career development expenses?
- What can I do to help my child/my student prepare for life beyond high school?
- What are some child abduction/human trafficking safety tips that I can share with my child/my student?
- What activities that promote child safety are available through my local police department?
- What should my child/my student do if approached by someone who makes him or her feel uncomfortable?