Overview

Child sexual exploitation is a growing global threat facilitated by the expansion and ever-changing nature of technology. As technology advances, so do the techniques and platforms predators use to exploit children. Access to these online platforms, such as gaming sites, social media and messaging apps, is readily available to our children through their smartphones and other mobile devices. As such, investigating and prosecuting these types of complex cases require specialized skills and expertise.

The 2019 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation provided a singular opportunity for more than 1,600 law enforcement and prosecutorial professionals from 7 countries and every level of government to come together for one purpose: to focus on how to successfully combat these horrific crimes. Over a three-day period, participants learned cutting-edge techniques from subject matter experts around the world, improved collaboration by sharing information and strengthened critical relationships.

"In my 16-year law enforcement career, I’ve been to several trainings and workshops but by far this was the best. Great conference!"
231 Workshop Tracks

148 Unique Workshops

37 Exhibitors

155 Expert Speakers

7 Countries Represented

Australia, Canada, Netherlands, India, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States, including Guam, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.
Attendee Data

Attendees by Agency

- State: 21%
- County: 21%
- City/Local: 25%
- Federal: 30%
- NGO/Other: 3%

Attendees by Discipline

- Law Enforcement: 80%
- Prosecution: 13%
- Corrections/Probation: 3%
- NGO/Other: 4%

495 Different Agencies and 61 ICAC Task Forces Were Represented

9.6% Increase in Attendance*

Number of Attendees

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Percentage of Returning Attendees: 22% 29% 34% 32% 30%

*Increase in attendance between 2018 and 2019
The opening ceremony commenced with the presentation of colors by the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard. For the fourth consecutive year, Julia Brosas, a member of the Gwinnett Young Singers, followed with the singing of the national anthem before then Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth delivered the opening remarks.

Mr. Dummermuth welcomed attendees and noted that "[the] Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has proudly supported this event for over a decade" and that he was "very pleased to see that attendance has only grown since then."

The keynote address was delivered by Edward C. O'Callaghan, United States Department of Justice's Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General. Mr. O'Callaghan expressed his gratitude to the audience for attending this year's conference and explained that "the Department of Justice is honored to once again host the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation. This training is the premier law enforcement training event on this issue in the United States."

Mr. O'Callaghan continued his remarks by highlighting the success of the ICAC Task Force Program and the importance of collaboration, which was most recently demonstrated during a two-month, nationwide operation conducted by the ICAC Task Forces. He went on to say that "the results of Operation Broken Heart demonstrate what is possible when law enforcement agencies at every level come together to solve complex cases and bring criminals to justice."

Edward C. O'Callaghan
Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

"Regardless of the federal, state, local, tribal or non-government office or agency carrying out this critical mission, the goal remains the same: protecting our children and holding offenders accountable. Attorney General Barr, Deputy Attorney General Rosen and I are all confident that every single person in this room is committed to doing just that."
Stacie B. Harris  
Associate Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
"All of you are serving on the front lines of our joint efforts to pursue justice for victims of child exploitation, and we are grateful that you have traveled from all over the country to learn new investigative and prosecutorial techniques, to share your learned experiences as well as engage in dialogue on how to further strengthen our shared commitment to combating internet crimes against children."

Matt M. Dummermuth  
Former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Justice Programs  
"We [The Department] are tremendously grateful for the great and indispensable work you all are doing."

Vic Reynolds  
Director  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
"Let me just commend you [attendees] for what you do day in and day out. The things that you do on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society, our children. The specialized training you provide which focuses on investigating and prosecuting tech-facilitated crimes against children is literally invaluable in today’s society."
As one of the largest events of its kind in the nation, the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation focuses on the prevention, investigation and prosecution of technology-facilitated crimes against children. Attendees had 103 unique lecture-based workshops to choose from and 45 unique hands-on computer lab workshops, giving them the ability to actively learn how to use the latest tools and techniques to identify predators.

Delivering the 148 unique workshops were 155 nationally and internationally recognized subject matter experts, traveling to Atlanta from around the globe and representing many different disciplines. While most are active practitioners in the fight against child exploitation, all of them brought innovative technology and current techniques to the classroom.

"The speakers were well versed in their disciplines and were able to share real world experiences."
Successful events as large as this require careful planning and execution and the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation is no exception. The collaboration between the federal agency partners, the many members of the ICAC Task Force Program and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (OJJDP) ICAC training providers was pivotal in making this conference a monumental success.

The longstanding and strong partnership between OJJDP, the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College and the event coordinators, resulted in another U.S. Department of Justice large-scale, high-profile training event that ran smoothly, received outstanding evaluations and provided vital training to those charged with protecting children. These partnerships and this dedicated team brought together the required expertise needed to thoughtfully and professionally execute this project from event conception through post-event initiatives.

"This was an extremely well organized conference, with excellent, knowledgeable and engaging presenters who always explained useful subject matter clearly."

**Operation Broken Heart**

Operation Broken Heart was a two-month, nationwide operation conducted in April and May 2019 by the 61 ICAC Task Forces and more than 4,500 federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.

As a result of the operation, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Edward O'Callaghan announced during the opening ceremony that "nearly 1,700 suspected online child sex offenders were arrested. The task forces also identified over 300 offenders who either produced child pornography or committed child sexual abuse, and more than 350 children who suffered from sexual abuse or were exploited in the production of child pornography."

In addition to the arrests made, Mr. O'Callaghan reported that the operation responded to "more than 18,500 complaints of technology-facilitated crimes targeting children and delivered over 2,100 presentations on Internet safety to over 200,000 youth and adults."

The results are staggering and as noted by Mr. O'Callaghan, "demonstrate what is possible when law enforcement agencies at every level come together to solve complex cases and bring criminals to justice."
Beyond the unique training sessions offered during this three-day conference, attendees had a unique opportunity to network and learn from like-minded law enforcement professionals. With representation from every region of the United States and several countries, attendees comprised of a diverse group with a common cause – the elimination and prevention of technology-facilitated crimes committed against children. While the majority of attendees came from the United States, others traveled from various U.S. territories, Canada, Netherlands, India, Thailand, Vietnam, and as far as Australia.

**Popular Workshops**

- **Google, Facebook and Other Popular Apps:** Are You Getting All The Data?
  - Getting key data artifacts from social networking apps

- **Communications in Gaming, Xbox Live and Mixer Live Streaming**
  - Discussions on user interactions that Xbox and Mixer provide

- **Online Resources for ICAC Investigators**
  - Sites which can be leveraged to identify potential suspects

- **Facebook and Law Enforcement**
  - Discussion on the latest safety and privacy controls

- **Chatting Strategies for Foreclosure Common Defenses**
  - Discussion on strategic chatting tactics & techniques

- **Interrogations: Getting the Suspect to Corroborate the Facts**
  - Effective questioning and interrogatory techniques

- **e-Chat and Child Exploitation**
  - Hands-on lab demonstrating the website e-chat.co

- **Tweets, Likes and Upvotes: Searching Social Media**
  - Enhance investigations by utilizing social media search apps
"I enjoyed the large variety of sessions to choose from and very knowledgeable speakers. I would love to return again, so many additional sessions I wanted to attend but did not have the time. As a detective and forensic interviewer I had a hard time picking between the classes."

"I enjoyed networking with similar investigators/detectives from all across the nation."

"The labs, lectures and case studies were top notch."

"The conference was well organized and brought together a diverse group of investigators, analyst and prosecutors."

"The hands-on computer labs were definitely my favorite."

"There was a wide array of classes and different disciplines to choose from. I enjoyed the ability to network and become proficient in a variety of topics."

"The spirit of cooperation among the ICACs is unbelievable... very unlike any other group of highly competent individuals that I have ever been a part of."

"The amount of labs and classes provided was amazing."
Thirty-seven exhibitors were present to showcase the latest in software, hardware, tools and training. These exhibitors gave attendees the opportunity to see the state-of-the-art technology in action, ask questions about the products and services being offered, and provide product reviews as consumers in the field.
For the exhibitors, the conference offered a unique opportunity to reach over 1,600 potential and existing clients at a single event to continue to build and strengthen business relationships. As technology continues to advance at such a rapid rate, national events such as this help bridge the gap between providers and consumers of innovative solutions.

Utilizing the Mobile App

96% of attendees surveyed found the app was very useful during the conference.

The mobile app provided attendees the ability to view the daily schedule, read workshop descriptions, view speaker biographies, set their own schedule and navigate the meeting space. The app also allowed attendees to check in to sessions, provide feedback on the workshops they attended and network with other attendees.

Feedback on attendees' overall experience at the event was also collected via the app.
Training Partners

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention would like to thank their partners who have worked together to develop and deliver training pertinent to the mission of the National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction:

- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Criminal Division
- Executive Office for United States Attorneys
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Office of the Attorney General
- Office of the Deputy Attorney General
- Offices of the United States Attorneys
- U.S. Marshals Service
- U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Thank you

Once again, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia ICAC Task Force were outstanding hosts for this training event, and their assistance with various key logistics is greatly appreciated. The Georgia State Patrol played a pivotal role in the opening ceremony as they presented our nation’s colors. The following agencies and OJJDP’s ICAC training providers graciously donated computer labs making it possible for attendees to have an unparalleled hands-on classroom experience.

- Bedford County Sheriff’s Office
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
- National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
- National White Collar Crime Center
- SEARCH