



# Child Sex Trafficking Recovery Services Team (RST)

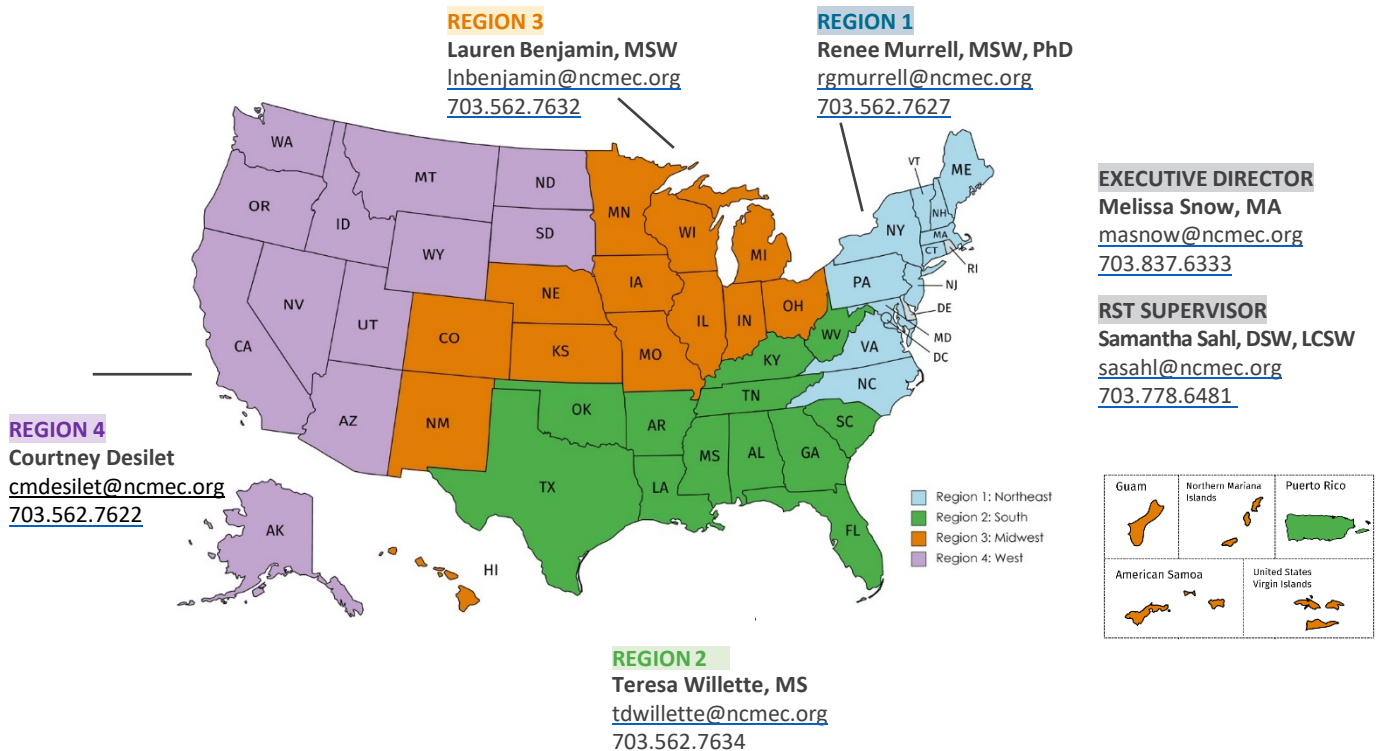
The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is available to provide specialized technical assistance and resources to child welfare professionals, foster parents and law enforcement who are working with missing children who are also victims of child sex trafficking.

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 organizations 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](#).