



## Missing Children's Day Discussion Guide

Below is a guide intended for a facilitator (i.e. teacher, parent) to reference as a discussion starter with students. We hope this discussion will make the subject less scary, and provide students with an understanding of the poster contest topic to help generate ideas for their artwork.

### What is Missing Children's Day?

- An annual ceremony to recognize the amazing people who helped to protect children.
- These people include law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors and everyday people (i.e. teachers, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, neighbors).
- The theme is "Bringing Our Missing Children Home".
  - There are people in this world that do bad things and break the law.
  - This is why we have police and judges.
  - Sometimes these people do bad things to kids, like take them away from their families.
  - Police can help by searching and helping to return these children to their home.

### Questions for Students

- Have you or anyone you love ever been lost before?
- How did you feel?
- Did anyone help you or your loved one home?
- Who found you or your loved one?
- How do you think your family felt?

### Provide Guidance for Students

- When you draw your art, think about:
  - How you felt when you were lost.
  - Who helped you?
  - How your family felt when you were lost?