

National Digital Billboard Campaign Seeks to Bring Missing Children Home, Will Hyper-Focus on Texas Teens

Clear Channel Outdoor, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children & Texas Center for the Missing Team Up on National Missing Children's Day to Reunite Missing Kids with their Families

HOUSTON, May 25, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- [The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#), [Texas Center for the Missing](#), *Houston's Amber Alert Provider*, and [Clear Channel Outdoor](#) (NYSE: CCO) today launched a month long national child safety awareness campaign coinciding with National Missing Children's Day (May 25). The digital Out-of-Home (DOOH) campaign will help generate leads for missing children's cases nationwide. Specifically in Texas, where 253 children are missing, CCO held four press conferences earlier today to highlight missing children's cases in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and El Paso.



The national campaign, supporting the local effort, will reach millions in [cities across the country](#) over the next month using CCO's digital billboards, including in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. The creative showcases a series of stunning statistics illustrating the number of missing children in each state and the message "Help Find Them." For 15 years, CCO has tapped the real-time capabilities of its DOOH media network to help recover abducted children through the posting of AMBER Alerts on its digital billboards. This new campaign extends that effort and underscores the company's ongoing commitment to child safety.

Children go missing every day in the United States, and while most are found quickly, some remain missing for months and even years. This is a reminder that child safety should remain a priority for communities across the country. When a child is reported missing to law enforcement, federal law requires that child be entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center, also known as NCIC. According to the FBI, in 2021 there were **337,195** NCIC entries for missing children.

The Texas campaigns specifically feature individual missing children's cases across CCO's DOOH displays. The child's photo is included in each message, and in some cases, the child's age progression photo is shown if the child has been missing for an extended period. Each child's image will run across multiple digital billboards in each Texas city thousands of times per day on each digital display.

The Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse received **46,581** missing person reports in 2021 with **33,774** being juveniles. CCO is providing this month-long public service campaign at no cost in partnership with the Texas Center for the Missing, Houston's Amber Alert Provider and NCMEC.

"At the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, we know the power of pictures and community action. Clear Channel Outdoor is in a unique position to leverage their digital space to help bring home missing children and we are thrilled to be able to fight for a safer tomorrow with CCO," said Gavin Portnoy, Vice President of Communications and Brand, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. "Always, but especially on National Missing Children's Day, we encourage the public to pay attention to the photos of missing children and report any information they may have. It only takes one person to bring home a missing child."

"With over 8,000 children reported missing from Greater Houston in 2021, partnerships like these are critical to reuniting families and ensuring the safe recovery of at-risk missing children," said John McNamee, CEO, Texas Center for the Missing.

"Clear Channel Outdoor began this program over 10 years ago and has reunited a number of children with their families which is the most rewarding service we can perform for the communities where we operate," said Lee Vela, Vice President, Public Affairs, Clear Channel Outdoor-Houston. "Digital billboard messages have worked repeatedly to help find these children and we are honored to play a role in this safety campaign alongside NCMEC and Texas Center for the Missing."

2022 Missing Children Cases featured across Texas in this program include:

Houston: Ameerah Deadrick has been missing since June 1, 2016, at the time she was eight years old. She is an African American female 4'3" high and weighing 50 pounds.

San Antonio: Lina Khil was last seen in the 9400 block of Fredericksburg Road on December 20, 2021. She has straight shoulder length hair and was in a red dress, black jacket, and black shoes. **Lorne "Trey" Jones** was last seen in December 2021. He is right-handed with curly ear top hair and is African American.

El Paso: Angel Marie Avalos has been missing since June of 2017.

Dallas Region: Atiz Garcia was last seen on April 8, 2021. She is a Hispanic female with brown hair and eyes. She weighs about 140 pounds and is 5'1".

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25th as National Missing Children's Day. National Missing Children's Day is a reminder to all parents and guardians of the need for high-quality photographs of their children for use in case of an emergency, and for the need for everyone to pay close attention to posters and photographs of missing children.

About Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc.

Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. ("CCOH") (NYSE: CCO) is at the forefront of driving innovation in the out-of-home advertising industry. Our dynamic advertising platform is broadening the pool of advertisers using our medium through the expansion of digital billboards and displays and the integration of data analytics and programmatic capabilities that deliver measurable campaigns that are simpler to buy. By leveraging the scale, reach and flexibility of our diverse portfolio of assets, we connect advertisers with millions of consumers every month across more than 500,000 print and digital displays in 26 countries.

About the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Since 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® has served as the leading private, nonprofit organization helping to find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation and prevent future victimization. As part of its work as the clearinghouse and resource center on issues relating to missing and exploited children, NCMEC operates a hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678), and has assisted in the recovery of more than 376,000 missing children. NCMEC also operates the CyberTipline®, a mechanism for reporting suspected child sexual exploitation, which has received more than 118 million reports. To learn more about NCMEC, visit www.missingkids.org.

About the Texas Center for the Missing

Texas Center for the Missing (TCM) is a Houston-based non-profit and is the Amber Alert AND Silver Alert provider for the 14-county Houston-Galveston region. TCM offers crisis intervention, prevention, and community education services related to child abductions, runaways, internet lures, and endangered adults. To decrease the number of missing children, we at Texas Center for the Missing know that children and families need to be educated about how to remain safe, law enforcement needs to be trained on how and when to activate local Amber Alerts, and the community at large needs to be aware of the painful reality of these situations.

For more information, visit centerforthemissing.org or watch our latest videos at: www.youtube.com/user/theTXCenter.

Connect with Texas Center for the Missing on Facebook at www.fb.com/TXCenter or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/TXCenter.





A billboard for National Missing Children's Day featuring a portrait of a young girl, Lina Khil. The billboard is set against a blue sky with white clouds. The text is in yellow and white on a dark background. The phone number 210-207-7660 is prominently displayed in white on a red background.

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