



**LAURA
RECOVERY
CENTER**

FOR MISSING CHILDREN

ANNUAL SUMMARY 2009



In memory of Laura Kate Smither

EDUCATION : Law Enforcement Education

1 Law Enforcement Education Program was taught in 2009, training 25 officers.
(TOTAL TO DATE: 83 courses taught to 3,060 law enforcement officers. in Texas)

SEARCH : Search for Missing Children

12 Ground Searches in 2009. (TOTAL TO DATE : 95 ground searches)

8 searches in TX (Alison Bolton, 23; Gulya Hoppe, 15; Carolyn Mullen, 75; David Pritchard, 57 - all alive. Susana DeJesus, 37; Bridget Herard, 16 - found murdered. Ricky Anderson, 51; Daryl Lindsey, 30 - still missing). 1 search in WA (Lindsey Baum, 11 - still missing). 1 search in SC (Brittane Drexel 17 - still missing). 1 search in CA (Amber Dubois, 14 - still missing). 1 search in VA (Morgan Harrington, 20 - still missing).

Casework: 138 Cases. (TOTAL CASES TO DATE: 1,430 cases)

Assisted 84 new families with missing children & loved ones in 2009, through searches, telephone consultations, poster creation & website display & distribution. 17 cases for 2009 remain unresolved. Assisted 54 families with unresolved cases from prior years.

70 Missing Person Posters were created in 2009– Production & distribution of missing person posters for case work. (TOTAL TO DATE : 974) (See www.LRCF.org for current missing person posters).

PREVENTION : Abduction Prevention Education Programs

107 S.K.A.T.E. Programs (Safe Kids Are Taught Early) were taught in 2009 at 70 different locations, presented to 26,563 children and 1,360 adults. This program teaches about the lures used by abductors and escape techniques. (TOTAL TO DATE: 1,067 programs to 205,030 children & 10,605 adults)

13 Choices Programs were presented in 2009 at 9 different locations, presented to 1,606 children and 240 adults. This is a runaway prevention and life choices program .
(TOTAL TO DATE: 95 programs to 9,256 children & 523 adults)

10 Adult Education events were held to bring awareness to the issue of missing children and educate parents on sexual predator activity in our area. (TOTAL TO DATE: 150 adult presentations)

Community Outreach

Disaster Preparedness: In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike (Sept. 2008) LRC continues to reunite families. Working with the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management, LRC has established a Disaster Response Team for Galveston County. LRC will serve as the missing person call center for future disasters in our area. Out of 742 missing IKE persons cases, 3 cases remain unresolved.

10 Health & Safety Fairs (TOTAL TO DATE: 88 Safety Fairs)

9,287 Abduction Prevention Education Materials were produced & distributed in 2009. (TOTAL TO DATE: 76,891 abduction prevention education materials).

4,800 Child Identification Kits were produced and distributed in 2009.
(TOTAL TO DATE 39,777 Child ID Kits) . **303 On-Line Child IDs.** (New this year)

Laura Smither Scholarship: 2009 recipient: **LENA SILVA** - Rice University.
(TOTAL TO DATE: 12 - \$3,000.00 Scholarships)



EDUCATION

SEARCH

PREVENTION

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