TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING

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NUMBERS SERVED (2000-2025)

Total Individuals Served:	512,297
Law Enforcement Officers Trained:	8,795
Missing Children Served:	1,513
Missing Adults Served	1,929

HISTORY: Texas Center for the Missing (TCM), a 501c3 missing persons organization formerly known as Gabriel's Gifts, was formed in March of 2000 after the disappearance of 17-year-old Gabriel Lester who was reported missing from his private high school. Gabriel's mother, a Houston-area businesswoman, decided after his remains were located four months later to turn her tragedy into a positive effort that would have an impact on the missing and their families across Greater Houston.

MISSION: Texas Center for the Missing is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

VISION: TCM will be a **Gathering Place** where those delivering services to the families of the missing find peers, share knowledge, and form collaborations; an **Incubator** of new training, technology, methods, programs, and projects; a **Rainmaker** mobilizing new resources to expand the capacity of organizations to find missing persons and support families; a **Think Tank** scanning the horizon for new advancements, analyzing their potential applications, and communicating these to community partners and the public at large; and a safe place where searching families **find HOPE**.

SCOPE OF PROGRAMS:

IMPACT. *To effect change and to decrease the number of missing at-risk children and endangered adults, we at Texas Center for the Missing know that children and families need to be educated about how to remain safe. TCM prevention education programs include:*

- Alzheimer's Wandering Prevention Training
- Child Identification Kits
- Interactive Internet Safety Training
- Missing Child Awareness, Prevention, and Education Training

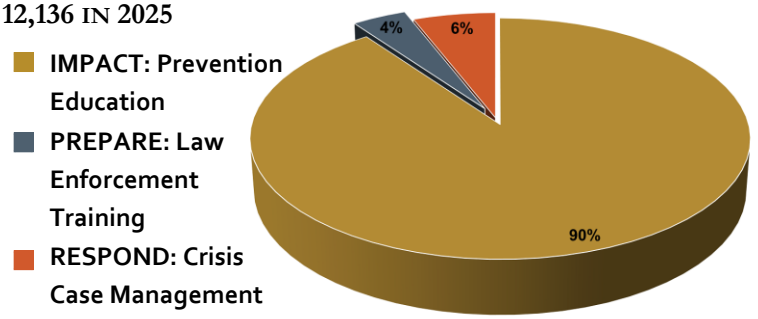
PREPARE. *Preparation for a rapid response to a missing persons incident is critical to the successful recovery of a missing loved one. TCM is the sole provider of Amber, CLEAR, Endangered Missing Persons, and Silver Alert Activation Training in our region and provides quality missing persons investigation tools and training to law enforcement. Support services provided to our law enforcement partners include:*

- First Responder and Investigator Training
- Houston Regional Amber, CLEAR, Endangered Missing Persons, and Silver Alert Activation Training and Issuance Assistance
- Southeast Texas Child Abduction Response Team Resource Directory

RESPOND. *TCM was founded by a mother who, following the traumatic search for and loss of her own son, saw the need for an organization that could walk with families and provide them the support they need to make it through each day. We remain dedicated to our founding mission and strive to protect and serve the missing and their families through each step of the location and recovery process. Services for families in crisis include:*

- 24/7 Crisis Case Management
- Crime Victims' Compensation Advocacy
- Law Enforcement and Media Liaison Services
- Missing in Southeast Texas Day
- Missing Persons Flyer Production and Distribution

NUMBERS SERVED BY FOCUS AREA
12,136 IN 2025



FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

	2025	2024	2023*
Revenue:	$865,460	$663,331	$1,002,107
Expenses:	$691,918	$688,885	1,029,867
Program %:	74.2%	77.2%	81.4%
Admin. %:	25.8%	22.8%	18.6%

**Includes $850,000+ gift-in-kind digital billboard donation.*