

Attachment A: Draft LES-MC Questionnaire

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

MC1 Please give your contact information here so the researchers can reach you with any questions after they review your survey. This information will be deleted as soon as the research team verifies that your survey is complete.

- Name and title (1) _____
- Telephone number (2) _____
- Email address (3) _____

NISMART LES-MC Definition of Reported Missing

MC2 The incident number for this report is [number will be provided].

Please confirm that this incident involved a child, age 17 or younger, missing from a caretaker who contacted your agency for help to either locate or recover the child.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Box 1

If MC2 = 2 (not child reported missing) or MC2 = 3 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1. If MC2 = 2 or MC2 = 3 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

[NISMART Time Frame]

MC3 Did the initial call occur between [time frame to be established]?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we cannot ask you to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response for web administration and 30 minutes for telephone administration, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531.

Box 2

If MC3 = 2 (not in time frame) or MC3 = 3 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1. If MC3 = 2 or MC3 = 3 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

MC4 Did the person who reported this incident primarily want law enforcement to

- Locate and recover a child whose whereabouts were not known, or (1)
- Recover a child whose whereabouts were known? (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

MC5 Did the person who reported this incident have an address, telephone number or other information that worked to contact the child?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

MC5a Was this incident submitted to ... (Please respond to both options)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
National Crime Information Center (NCIC)? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Missing Child Clearinghouse for your state? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

MC6 Was more than one child reported missing in this incident?

- Yes, 2 children (1)
- Yes, 3 or more children (Enter number) (2) _____ MC8
- No, 1 child (3) _____ MC9
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4) _____ MC9

MC7 How did the children know each other?

- Siblings or step-siblings (1)_____ MC9
- Related as family some other way, such as cousins (2)_____ MC9
- Living in a group home or treatment or detention facility for juveniles (3)___ MC9
- Friends, acquaintances or schoolmates (4)_____ MC9
- Something else (Please describe) (5) _____ MC9
- Don't know/Cannot determine (6)_____ MC9

MC8 How did the children know each other? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
Siblings or step-siblings (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Related as family some other way, such as cousins (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living in a group home or treatment or detention facility for juveniles (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends, acquaintances or schoolmates (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Something else (Please describe) (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

MC9 How was the person who reported the incident related to the child?

If more than one child was involved, please answer about the closest relationship.

- Parent or step-parent (1)
- Other relative [This option will provide a pre-coded pull down list.] (2)
- Employee of school or daycare (3)
- Employee of group home or treatment, detention or other juvenile facility (4)
- Someone else (Please describe) (5) _____
- Don't know/Cannot determine (6)

NISMART Categories of Missing Children

MC10 Does the incident log or record indicate that this episode involved any of the following? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
A <u>runaway</u> ? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A <u>repeat runaway</u> ? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A violation or alleged violation of a <u>custodial order or agreement</u> ? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A child who was <u>lost, stranded, injured</u> or too young to know how to return home or make contact with caretaker? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A child reported missing because of a <u>misunderstanding or other harmless circumstance</u> ? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A child missing under <u>unknown circumstances</u> ? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An <u>abduction by a non-family perpetrator</u> ? (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A <u>stranger abduction</u> ? (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS

MC11 Is this child male or female?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

If more than one child was involved, please start with the oldest.

MC12 How old was this child at the time of the initial call?

- Less than 1 year old (1)
- 1 year old or older (Please enter age in years) (2) _____
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

MC13 Is this child Hispanic or Latino/a?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

MC14 What is this child's race?

- White (1)
- Black or African American (2)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
- Asian (4)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- Other (6) _____
- Don't know/Cannot determine (7)

Endangerment

MC15 Was this child at risk or endangered because of a medical condition, disability or other condition or circumstance, such as drug use?

- Yes [This option will provide a pre-coded pull down list] (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Definition of Recovery

MC16 What was the outcome of this incident for this child?

- Returned (1) _____ MC19
- Located but not returned (2) _____ MC18
- Not returned and not located (3)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4) _____ MC21

MC17 Sometimes records are not updated to show that a child has been recovered. Which do you think is more likely?

- This child has not returned home, or (1) _____ MC21
- This child has returned but the record has not been updated (2) _____ MC21
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3) _____ MC21

MC18 Please explain why the child was not returned.

[TEXT ENTRY] _____

Box 3
If MC16 = 2 (located not returned), go to MC20.

MC19 (If returned)

How much time passed from the initial call to your agency until this child's return home? (Your best estimate is fine.) Please enter the number of hours, days, weeks or months below.

- Hours (1) _____ MC21
- Days (2) _____ MC21
- Weeks (3) _____ MC21
- Months (4) _____ MC21
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5) _____ MC21

MC20 How much time passed from the initial call to your agency until the child was located? (Your best estimate is fine.) Please enter the number of hours, days, weeks or months below.

- Hours (1) _____
- Days (2) _____
- Weeks (3) _____
- Months (4) _____
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5)

MC21 Was this child reported missing at any other time between [time frame of study]?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Box 4

If MC6 = 1 (multiple children), questions MC11—MC21 will repeat for each child. After last child, go to MC21.

POLICE RESPONSE

MC22 During the initial call was information logged about ... (Please respond to all options)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
Where child was <u>last seen</u> ? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Who child was with</u> when last seen? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child's <u>physical description</u> and clothing? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether child has <u>medical conditions, disabilities</u> ? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether child had <u>cell phone</u> ? (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any <u>mode of travel</u> for child (walking, bicycle, motor vehicle)? (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

MC23 How did your agency respond to this incident? (Please answer all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
<u>Sent officers to a child's household</u> or to the scene (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Interviewed</u> household members (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Got child <u>photos</u> (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collected <u>other evidence</u> (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Conducted a search</u> (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Secured the scene</u> (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigated or responded in other ways (Describe) (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

MC24 Did your agency bring other agencies into an investigation or refer the case to another agency?

- Yes, brought other agency or agencies into the investigation (1)
- Yes, referred the case to another agency (2)
- No (3)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4)

Box 5

If MC24 = 3 (did not bring in/refer to other agencies) or MC24 = 4 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY3. If MC24 = 3 or MC24 = 4 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY4.

MC25 What agencies were brought into the investigation or did you refer the case to? Please list each agency by name, county and state.

[TEXT ENTRY] _____

Box 6

If MC24 = 1 or MC24 = 2 (brought in or referred to other agencies), and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY3. If MC24=1 or MC24 = 2 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY4.

We would now like to ask you just a few questions about your experiences answering questions about this case.

MC26 First, did you find any questions difficult to answer? If so, which ones and what them difficult?

MC27 Are there any questions I should have asked about this case but didn't? If yes, what other parts of the case should we know about?

MC28 How did you feel about the length of the survey?

ENDSURVEY1 We are only including certain incidents in this study and this case does not qualify. There are no further questions about this case. Thank you for your time.

ENDSURVEY2 We are only including certain incidents in this study and this case does not qualify. Please use this link to access questions about your next case that may qualify for this study: [To be added].

ENDSURVEY3 Thank you for completing this survey. We appreciate your help and your contribution to understanding the problem of children reported missing.

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