

FINDING MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

A PALANTIR & NCMEC PARTNERSHIP

THE STORY

Since 2010, Palantir has partnered with the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)** to integrate a range of databases into one place, allowing NCMEC staff to search for information and conduct analysis for cases in minutes. Analysts require a fast and flexible technological solution to help law enforcement and families fight the abduction and sexual exploitation of children. With Palantir, NCMEC analysts are able to make sense of large volumes of dispersed data and draw connections to find missing and exploited children.

OUR SOLUTION

"Just as amazing as the Palantir technology is the team assigned to help us implement the platform. [They] have been absolutely wonderful to work with."
- Michael Geraghty, Vice President, Chief Information Officer

NCMEC analysts must find useful connections amid massive amounts of data to help locate missing and exploited children. With Palantir, NCMEC integrates dozens of public and proprietary databases, case reports, maps, images, and videos to piece together the puzzle. Sub-second searching frees up time to do more work and provide greater assistance on these cases. Palantir also allows analysts to easily export reports in familiar formats, facilitating collaboration on these cases.

In one California case, a 17-year-old girl was reported missing and suspected of being a victim of sex trafficking. Through various searches, a NCMEC analyst was able to find multiple posts online that advertised this missing child for sex. Through information in the ads, the analyst was able to tie them to other posts from the same pimp. The analysis included over 50 advertisements, 9 different females, and a trail covering 5 states. A Link Analysis graph was created using Palantir that helped law enforcement to easily see the large scope of the ring. This insight helped law enforcement link the pimp to a multitude of other crimes and other girls that he victimized.

IMPACT & RESULTS

Palantir is NCMEC's **analytical program of record**, allowing multiple divisions across the organization to access their data in one unified platform.

Palantir allows analysts to quickly review data to help **locate missing and exploited children**. Analysts surface shared properties like an address or phone number to help locate noncompliant offenders.

By digitizing decades-old records and importing them into Palantir, analysts are able to create a searchable structure for **cases more than 20 years old**.