

**On average in the United States,
a child is reported missing every**

43 seconds!!!*

**Most parents don't have the
proper items ready at a
moment's notice that may help
save their child's life.
The Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of South Dakota CHIP
kit provides those items to
parents at no cost.**

*Reported by the National Crime Information Center and the
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



History of CHIP

CHIP is being offered by Masons in 20 states. The program began in New York in 1994. It provided a videotaped interview giving far more information than other identification programs utilizing a single photo. Fingerprinting was also included. In 1998 Dr. David Harte, a Massachusetts Mason, brought Toothprints®, a technique developed by Dr. David Tesini, a Massachusetts children's dentist, to CHIP. Its addition made CHIP the most thorough child identification program available. Accordingly, to provide the licensed personnel needed to administer Toothprints® and the DNA cheek swabs, the Freemasons in states offering the program joined with their statewide dental associations. Fingerprinting, likewise, is best done by trained personnel. State law enforcement agencies have also been brought in as partners in CHIP. These dedicated officers provide expertise in fingerprinting and practical experience so important in making CHIP more effective.

South Dakota CHIP

The South Dakota Child Identification Program, or SDCHIP, is sponsored by the South Dakota Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and uses a defined "Masonic Model" called COMPREHENSIVE CHIP. It is currently in operation by Masonic jurisdictions in twenty states and continues to be adopted by Masons across North America. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) recognizes COMPREHENSIVE MASONIC CHIP as one of the most complete child recovery and identification programs in the nation. In 1999 alone, over 797,500 children were reported missing in the United States.

At a Masonic CHIP Event, Masons generate individual completed child identification kits that are given to the parent or guardian to take home for safekeeping (we keep nothing but a permission form). Each child progresses through the various stations of the event (it takes about 10 - 15 minutes) generating an identifying item at each station to be placed in his or her kit. Parents are reminded to take the packages on trips and vacations. This completed kit can be immediately provided to authorities to aid in the recovery of a missing child. Masons have developed the tools, management skills, and volunteer network necessary to make SDCHIP one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs in the nation. The equipment they have purchased allows several stations to be conducted simultaneously during the CHIP event with the goal of giving every family in attendance a SD CHIP package. Refinements to the program will include more up-to-date systems and more effective tools for law enforcement agencies. SD CHIP is reaching out to every community. Events will be held in schools, shopping malls, county fairs, and at Masonic Centers. SDCHIP events increase abduction awareness that, if properly publicized, discourage would-be predators from considering that community.

For More Information, Please Visit:
www.sd-chip.org

**The Grand Lodge of South
Dakota, Ancient Free &
Accepted Masons
is pleased to present:**



In cooperation with:
Masonichip International
SD Sheriffs Association • SD Dental Association
SD Highway Patrol • SD Attorney General
SD Academy of Physician Assistants

No Charge to Parents

SD CHIP is provided free of charge to the public. All of the identifying items generated during the event are given to the child's family.

Toothprints® Dental Impressions

Teeth, like fingerprints, are unique. A dental imprint gives accurate information for identification purposes.



DNA Cheek Swab

Cheek cells in saliva provide DNA, which can uniquely identify anyone.

Digital Still Photo

Amber Alert is in operation throughout South Dakota. The color photo can be circulated by police to media throughout the state within two hours of an abduction.



Fingerprints

Fingerprints are a well known tool for recovery investigation and identification. Every person's prints are unique.



Video Imaged Interview

A brief videotaped interview is invaluable to an investigator. The SD



CHIP interview captures the appearance, speech, mannerisms, and important personal characteristics of a child. It can be quickly distributed via the media to reach a huge audience. It is the cornerstone of South Dakota's Child Identification Program.

For more information about SD CHIP or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact:

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Make time to talk about child safety.



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