

## CHILD LOCATOR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Nov. 6, 2009

On Sept. 16, 2002, the Department of Human Services activated a Web site that contains information about, and when available, pictures of Michigan children who are absent without legal permission from their legal placement. Missing children listed on this Web site have been reported to law enforcement as runaways or potential abductions.

Anyone with information about children listed on this Web site is encouraged to call the Child Locator Tip Line at 517-373-2851.

Current status of children absent without legal permission as of Nov. 6, 2009, is:

182 Total number of children absent from their legal placement.\*\*

158 Total number of children listed on the Web site.

24 Not listed on the Web site.\*

520,120 page views (visits) to the Child Locator Web site.

893 Calls to the Child Locator Tip Line 517-373-2851.

138 Viable tips.

65 Children located/returned as a result of tips.

\*Reasons children would not be listed on the Web site include: located but not yet returned to placement; over age 18 and awaiting change in legal jurisdiction; just went absent and the agency hasn't yet exhausted all resources to locate the child.

\*\*Effective Sept. 1, 2006, dual wards missing from their placements were added to the Web site totals. They are foster children who are state or temporary or permanent court wards that have been adjudicated under both the delinquency and child abuse and neglect statutes.