

## STATISTICS ON CHILD ABDUCTIONS AND ASSAULTS

### **The U.S. Department of Justice reports**

- ❑ 797,500 children (younger than 18) were reported missing in a one-year period of time studied resulting in an average of **2,185** children being reported missing each day.
- ❑ **203,900** children were the victims of family abductions.
- ❑ **58,200** children were the victims of non-family abductions.
- ❑ **115** children were the victims of “stereotypical” kidnapping. These crimes involve someone the child does not know or a slight acquaintance who holds the child overnight, transports the child 50 miles or more, kills the child, demands ransom, or intends to keep the child permanently.

### **The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reports youth violence is widespread in the United States (U.S.). It is the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24.**

- ❑ 5,570 young people age 10 to 24 were murdered—an average of 16 each day—in 2003.
- ❑ Over 780,000 violence-related injuries in young people age 10 to 24 were treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2004.
- ❑ In a 2005 nationwide survey, 36% of high school students reported being in a physical fight during the past 12 months.
- ❑ Nearly 7% of high school students in 2005 reported taking a gun, knife, or club to school in the 30 days before the survey.
- ❑ **AN ESTIMATED 30% OF KIDS BETWEEN 6TH AND 10TH GRADE REPORT BEING INVOLVED IN BULLYING.** This is just the kids that actually REPORT it!