



## Overview of the VGT Conference 21 - 22 February 2007, Washington D.C.

“Tackling child sex abuse: A challenge for all”

### **Conference highlights**

Following the success of the first VGT conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in November 2005, the work of the VGT was brought to the United States.

The second VGT conference was held in Washington D.C in February 2007. This conference aimed to build on the successes of the VGT. The goals were to encourage closer co-operation and collaboration across sectors and across borders, and to underline the role that the VGT can play in helping to achieve this.

The conference also aimed to help further build meaningful partnerships, explore the roles that different sectors can play, hear at first hand how sex offenders are operating both on and offline and, above all, how all stakeholders together can make a meaningful and long-lasting impact.

Over 230 delegates attended the Washington VGT conference.

### **Conference feedback**

Ninety per cent of all feedback respondents were satisfied with the VGT Conference programme content.

Comments included:

*“Many thanks to all, you are an inspiration. The mixture of clear thinking, partnership, dedication and desire to make a difference is admirable. Children are much safer due to VGT and CEOP”.*

*“The segments with Joe Sullivan as speaker were excellent! As a criminal investigator with ICE, I learned a lot from listening to him. I hope to be able to apply what he said to my interview techniques”.*

