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Fraud Recovery: The Missing Layer of Prevention

Our Mission: Empower our society to recognize, report and recover from fraud and scams to foster a safer digital world.



Recognize.



Report.



Recover.

FC Online Fraud Recovery Groups



These FREE programs provide:

- 1-hour weekly sessions for 10 weeks
- Trauma-informed facilitation by a licensed counselor
- Education on cybercrime and online safety
- Closed, monitored group communications
- Help Desk support for life



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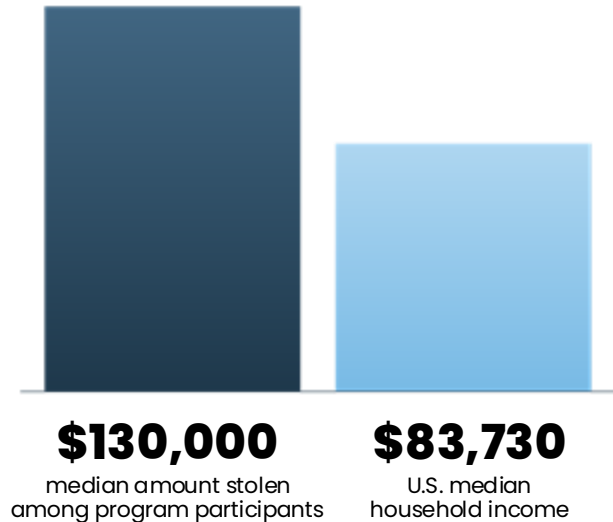
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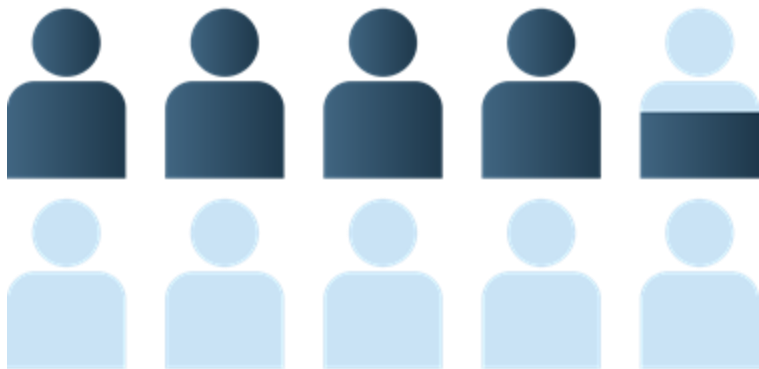


Data From High-Severity Cases:



- Financial impact of severe online crime is life-changing
- Financial harm compounds (tax penalties, debt, home equity, etc.)
- Recovery from severe online crime is complex, time consuming, and costly

The Fraud Is Only The Beginning



43.9% of participants indicated they had interactions with two or more cybercriminals prior to recovery.

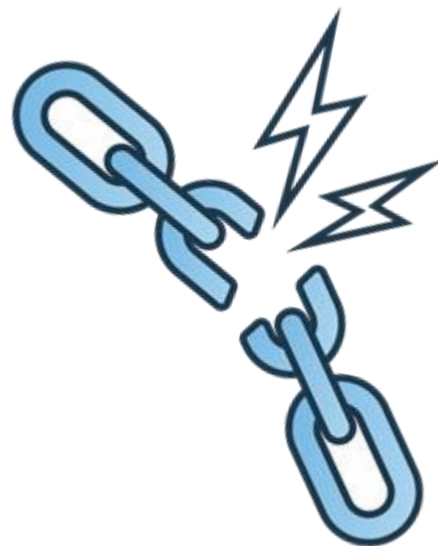
A severe fraud event creates a vulnerability window:

- Repeat targeting is common
- Emotional distress impairs decision-making
- Shame and fear reduce reporting
- Losses cascade (retirements impacted, tax penalties, financial instability)

Exiting A Fraud Is Harder Than It Looks

Breaking free isn't about facts—it's about emotional safety. This is why standard intervention approaches fail.

- Financial facts alone rarely overcome emotional trust or attachment
- Shame, fear, and loss of control can override logic and professional advice
- Matter-of-fact/dismissive responses can increase resistance or withdrawal
- Disengagement is a process, not a single conversation



Long-Term Recovery



Long-term recovery can include:

- Trauma-informed care
- Financial repair planning
- Ongoing digital safety education
- Peer support groups
- Rebuilding safe, in-person connection and community
- Advocacy

Recovery Strengthens Protection

Reduces Revictimization



91% of participants avoided fraud following recovery.

Increases Fraud Awareness



Individuals reported feeling more capable of recognizing fraud after recovery.

Reduces Shame



Individuals reported feeling less shame after recovery.

Shame: The Barrier to Disruption

A horizontal flowchart consisting of three light blue chevron-shaped boxes pointing to the right, connected by white gaps. The first box contains the text 'Shame reduces reporting', the second 'Limits actionable intelligence', and the third 'Weakens crime disruption'.

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When victims stay silent, criminals win.

Thank You

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