April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

THE OFFICE OF Child & Youth PROTECTION

Internet Safety Resources

*Sections available in Spanish

Faith and Safety*

www.faithandsafety.org

A partnership between the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America designed to be a place where families learn to see technology through the eyes of faith and stay safe online. The site offers guidance how to use the Internet, cell phones and video games safely, as well as protecting children's privacy.

Raising Kids in the Media Age, Jay Dunlap

http://www.amazon.com/Raising-Kids-Media-Age-Dunlap/dp/1933271140

This book provides a realistic, informative look at the effect of today's media on individuals and families. Based on extensive research, Catholic author Jay Dunlap shows that, regardless of the content, the media affects our interactions with others, especially those closest to us. This book offers positive, fresh ideas on how parents can take control of the media outlets in their home.

NetSmartz*

http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents

The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for children aged 5 to 17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement that uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet..

Crimes against Children Research Center

http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/index.html

The mission of the Crimes against Children Research Center (CCRC) is to combat crimes against children by providing high quality research and statistics to the public, policy makers, law enforcement personnel, and other child welfare practitioners.

Online Victimization of Youth: Five Years Later (2006)
http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/CV138.pdf

Family Education

https://www.familyeducation.com/

Family Education is a website with information for parents about all things kids! The site also has an informative article regarding 'sexting'(exchanging sexually explicit photos via texting application on cell phones) which young kids and teens seem to engage in as a casual act; however, it can have has serious consequences, often criminal:http://life.familyeducation.com/teen-relationships/sexting/63750.html?detoured=1

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The Children's Partnership
http://www.childrenspartnership.org/
This site contains general information on current child-related topics including the use of technology. Some of the information is available in multiple languages.

GetNetWise
http://www.getnetwise.org/
This site is a resource for parents to educate themselves and their children about how to use the Internet safely. They provide information on filtering software and recommend safe web sites for children of all ages.

Disney.go.com
http://disney.go.com/guestservices/safety
This is a great place for both new and advanced Web users to find information on using the Internet wisely. The best form of Online Safety begins at home with you, the parent. We offer you the following tips to keep your child safe on the Internet. The best way to know what your child is doing online is to ask. Whether you ask other parents, an Internet-savvy friend, or your child about how they use the Internet asking the right questions will help you understand what your child is doing online so you can make sure they are making safe online choices.

www.SafeKids.com
This site contains information for children, parents, teachers, and officials on Internet safety and Internet family resources. Includes information that used to be on www.SafeTeens.com.
> **Child Safety on the Information Highway**
> http://safekids.com/pdfs/childsafety_info_highway.pdf

Internet Keep Safe Coalition
www.ikeepsafe.org
The Internet Keep Safe Coalitionsm group teaches basic rules of Internet safety to children and parents, reaching them online and in school. Governors and/or first spouses formed this coalition in partnership with a growing list of crime prevention organizations, foundations, and corporate sponsors.

U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov/technology/safety.html
This site contains Internet safety and technology education information for parents and teachers.

What do I do if I see or hear of something on-line that needs to be reported?

Contacts:

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children   1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678)
www.missingkids.com
This site provides information on general child safety and Internet safety for children, parents, educators, law enforcement, and the community.

> **CyberTipline ®**
> http://www.missingkids.com/cybertipline/
> *The CyberTipline handles leads from individuals reporting the sexual exploitation of children including child pornography, online enticement of children, child prostitution, child sex tourism, misleading domain names and child sexual molestation (not in the family).*

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces (ICAC)   1-877-798-7682
www.icactraining.org
Through funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention a national network of 45 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces has been established to coordinate investigations of computer facilitated crimes against children.

Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT)*
www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com
The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) is an international alliance of law-enforcement agencies working together to make the Internet a safer place. Membership is currently comprised of the Australian High Tech Crime Centre, the National Crime Squad for England and Wales, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Interpol. The mission of the Virtual Global Taskforce is to make the Internet a safer place; to identify, locate, and help children at risk; and to hold perpetrators accountable. The web site acts as a gateway to a wide range of information on how to use the Internet safely and links to a range of support agencies that can advise and support victims of abuse.