

Indiana State Police Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Youth Educators Program

Past high profile instances of youth being victimized by cyber bullies, and sexual predators demanded a proactive program be developed and implemented in an effort to inoculate youth against such criminal acts.

There are 61 Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC) in the United States. However, the Indiana ICAC Task Force is the first to have full-time Youth Educators. Each Youth Educator works within the structure of the Indiana ICAC Task Force with presentations specifically designed to prevent victimization in the areas of:

- Online child sexual solicitation
- Online child extortion, also known as sextortion
- Online production of child pornography
- Online bullying, also known as cyberbullying
- Online radicalization mitigation to reduce the recruitment of youth by terrorists and criminal extremists.

The Indiana ICAC Youth Educators provides age appropriate Cyber Safety presentations to help reach our youth before they become victims, to provide help to those who have already been victimized and mitigate the potential for acts of school violence committed due to online victimization.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Websites:

WWW.Cybertipline.com

WWW.Netsmartz.org

WWW.Missingkids.com

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

<https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

[1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255)



Want to learn more about the Indiana State Police ICAC Youth Educator Program email your questions to?

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Social Media





YOUTH EDUCATORS





You Can Be Too Social!


Unfortunately, it is impossible to list all the Social Media apps and websites in this handout, and new ones are constantly being created. The best tools for parents are knowledge and communication. Know which sites your child is using and talk to your children about the potential risk and your concerns.


 **Ask.fm** – Excessive cyberbullying Information easily shared.


 **AfterSchool** - this anonymous allows sexual and graphic images.


 **Blindr.** There are no authentication requirements, sexual predators can contact minors and minors can hook up with adults.


 **ChatRoulette.com.** EXCESSIVE NUDITY AND GRAPHIC IMAGES.


 **Chatstep.** Child predators use this site to trade images and to go into "teenage" chat rooms and contact teens.

 **Discord**-popular with gamers - offers text messaging and voice and video chat. Profanity and abusive language are standard
Discord is not an app that's aimed at kids.

 **GroupMe,** where teens can send private messages easily hidden from their parents to users.

 **Houseparty** – The chats are unmoderated which means students can come in contact with inappropriate content or cyberbullies.

 **IMVU,** that allows teens to talk to strangers in random chat rooms.

 **Instagram-** A simple search to allow strangers to assess your photos and information.



Kik - Excessive sex and porn spammers. Known for child predators.



Meet Me – Has been used for Sexting and Sextortion.



Monkey - Cyberbullying, sexting, and potential for unwanted material and contact from dangerous people is real.



Tic Tok (Formerly Musical.ly) Inappropriate content. Music videos can be searched by city via Geotagging and stored, downloaded and shared by views.



Periscope –This apps have been used for cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content, and by sexual predators.



Omegle -. EXCESSIVE NUDITY AND GRAPHIC IMAGES.



Oovoo - There have been incidents of users receiving inappropriate comments and request for pictures or videos of the children.



PhotoSwap -Anonymous photo exchanging with a large amount of sexual content.



Pinterest - TONS of inappropriate pictures that just aren't tagged with any inappropriate words that would be flagged by Pinterest's filters.



Sarahah - an anonymous messaging app
NO PUBLICLY LISTED ADDRESS.
Predominantly used to bully other users.
Anyone can leave a message on a profile. There is no way to report inappropriate content or threats.



Snapchat -. It has a reputation as a sexting haven. Scorned lovers use preserved Snapchats photos as "revenge porn" against their former lovers



Tagged.com- A social network that teenagers use for meeting new people that allows members to browse the profiles of other members, play games, share tags and virtual gifts. Used for "sextortion."



tbh, which allows users to anonymously respond to questions about their friends with often cruel and bullying response.



Tinder. A popular app used for hooking-up and dating that allows users to "rate" profiles and locate hookups via GPS tracking. It is easy for adults and minors to find one another. The rating system can be used for cyber-bullying.



Tumblr -The lack of privacy. It is difficult to create privacy settings that prevent information from being public. As a result, most posts made by teens are open to the public.



WeChat - The Chinese messaging app, has confirmed it turns over customer data to the Chinese government, causing privacy concerns.



Whisper - Suggestive, sexually charged material in the form of provocative pictures and words. Reveals a user's location, which makes it easy for people to locate and connect with users.



Yubo (Formerly Yellow)- Nicknamed "Tinder for Snapchat" and "Tinder for Teens", the Yellow app markets itself as a way to make new friends. **No age verification.**



You Tube - Inappropriate material that is easily access.