



The Advocate Aspect

Family Support Center and Kids First Children's Advocacy Center – November 2011
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It Takes a Whole Community

At the 12th Annual Women Making a Difference luncheon, Casey Gwinn spoke about how it takes a whole community working together to end abuse. The 369 guests who attended the luncheon and those who didn't attend but donated, stepped up and proved they are willing to help *"Heal The Hurt Together"* by donating \$35,477.00. – *The most successful year ever.*



The 42 businesses who also believe that it takes a community, funded the luncheon and made it possible for all the money raised at the luncheon to go directly to serving victims of abuse in Stevens County.

And without the 49 Table Captains who invited all of our guests, there would be no luncheon. We appreciate you and thank you for all your hard work and support.

We are fortunate to have all of you who work tirelessly in the field for victims, and those of you who believe and support the work done in this county to end abuse, crime and violence.



Thank You
to all of you for
helping
"Heal The Hurt"
in Stevens County.
We are very fortunate to live
in communities where so
many people care.



Cyberstalking is a crime...

Through the increased use of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Foursquare, and YouTube, an individual's profile, photos, and status updates may provide enough information for that person to become a potential victim of stalking without even being aware of the risk.

Cyberstalking is a crime and it is a serious invasion of online privacy. Although cyberstalking doesn't involve physical contact, it is no less dangerous than offline stalking. As the National Center for Victims of Crime points out, many cyberstalking situations do evolve into off-line stalking and a victim may experience abusive and excessive phone calls, vandalism, threatening or obscene mail, trespassing, and physical assault.

Since geotagging is automatically enabled on most Smartphones, if you use a Smartphone to take photos and share on social media sites like Twitter, you may want to check I Can Stalk U (icanstalku.com). The goal of this website is to raise awareness about inadvertent information sharing as well as the dangers of geotagged photos.

Victims of stalking may want to think about suspending and preserving your social media accounts until it has been resolved. The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse has great social media safety tips such as avoiding posting information about one's current or future location, and using caution when providing live updates from a cell phone.

- Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs



Legislation News

Update on Privacy Legislation – September 2011

Though privacy protections are a patchwork quilt of local, state and federal laws historically concerned with government intrusion into citizens' lives, current lawmakers are increasingly alert to the privacy problems posed with online collection and disclosure of location and personal data by private web firms and individuals. Here is a list of introduced legislation that addresses privacy problems:

- S. 1212 and H.R. 2168 Geolocal Privacy and Surveillance Act – prevent individuals and government from intercepting or disclosing location data from an individual's GPS device without a warrant or their consent: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-1212>
- S. 1101 Electronic Communications Privacy Amendments Act of 2011 – update to include current methods and locations of electronic communications: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-1011>
- S. 913 Do-Not-Track Online Act of 2011 – allow consumers to opt out of being tracked online by web firms, similar to the Do Not Call List: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-913>
- S. 799 Commercial Privacy Bill of Rights Act of 2011 – require web firms to communicate how they gather and use consumer data, secure the data, and obtain consent before collecting sensitive information like health and financial data: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-799>
- H.R. 1895 Do Not Track Kids Act of 2011 – update and enhance online protection of personal information of children: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-1895>
- S. 1308 Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act – require internet service providers to retain internet protocol addresses for eighteen months; a warrant would still be required to access name and address of the user: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-1308>

Legislation is slowly shifting, though as advocates, we need to be aware that solutions may be proposed that come at the expense of survivors and actually decrease safety. Knowledge is power...educate yourself to what is happening in the legislation.



Educate...Engage...Empower

Educate - The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that creates age-appropriate activities to help teach children how to be safer while online and in the real world.

- The program is designed for students in elementary, middle, and high school
- Parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement can learn dynamic ways to teach safety
- On and offline activities such as animated videos, real-life stories, and corresponding activity cards provide a learning experience for children to enjoy and relate to their daily lives.

Engage - **NetSmartzKids™** - Clicky, Nettie, and Webster, animated characters, teach children how to recognize and avoid on and offline dangers using interactive games, activities, and music.

NSTeens™ - Issues such as social networking, cyberbullying, and gaming are addressed through comic-book-style characters who model safer practices.

Real-Life Stories – Materials focus on real-life stories shared by actual teens who have experienced victimization firsthand. These powerful stories teach teens to examine their behavior and encourage them to be proactive in preventing victimization of themselves and others.

Empower – The goal of the NetSmartz Workshop is to extend the safety awareness of children and empower them with the knowledge to make safer choices on the Internet and in the real world. This is accomplished by

- Enhancing the ability of children to recognize and avoid dangers
- Helping children understand people they first “meet” on the Internet should never be considered their friend
- Encouraging children to report victimization to a trusted adult
- Promoting communication between adults and children about personal safety

For more Information go to the website:

www.netsmartz.org



FBI Launches Child ID Mobile App

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has launched its first mobile application – the Child ID App. This free mobile app provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about one’s children that can be easily provided to authorities if a child goes missing.

The app allows users to send information – including pictures or other physical identifiers such as height and weight – to authorities with a few clicks. It also provides tips on keeping children safe and guidance on what to do in the first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.

The Child ID App is currently available for use on iPhones and can be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes. The FBI is planning to expand the tool to other types of mobile devices in the near future.

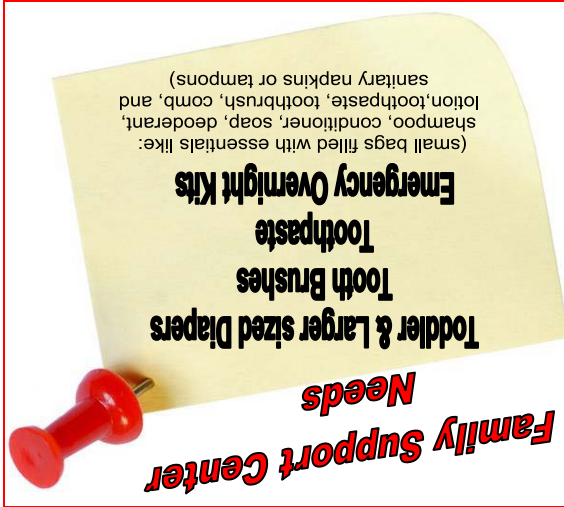
Resources:

Learn more about the FBI’s Child ID App at:
www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/august/child_080511

The FBI’s new Child ID App can be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes at:

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to pave the way for them.”*
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