INTERNET SAFETY
Program

The Internet Safety Program is created for third, fifth, and middle school students. The program enhances your child's understanding of ways to protect themselves while being on the internet. The program is age appropriate and designed to increase awareness of safety, boundaries, and what children can do if they feel uncomfortable online.

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Prevention Tips for Parents:

Be a questioning parent and know the apps that are on your child's devices.	**Know what is on your child's social media and the information they are willingly giving out over the internet.**	**Have open communication with your child and make sure they feel safe while on these apps.**
Help your child set privacy settings on all accounts to ensure their safety.	**Discuss the importance of only talking to people they know in real life, not internet friendships.**	**Have conversations with your child about the image they make public online, compared to real life.**

Helpful Websites:

www.joshochs.com
www.netsmartz.org
www.safesmartsocial.com

More Prevention Tips:

facebook.com/thechildcenterinc

twitter.com/thechildcenter

Apps All Parents Should Know About

As fun as the internet is, it's important to also know the dangers it can create for kids. These popular apps and games make it easy for kids to overshare personal information. It is done through fun filters, tagging your location, sharing hobbies, and talking to people that show similar interest but they don't know in real life.

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TikTok
It allows you to create, share and discover short music videos. This app also links to other apps that can be dangerous for kids and can easily give out personal information; exact location, and background information.

Similar apps:
YouTube
Live.ly

Snapchat
Users can take pictures, videos, and message people with the promise of it disappearing. Because of this feature, Snapchat has become the preferred method of sexting. Screenshots can still be taken and shared. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

Similar apps:
Facebook
Vine

Roblox
A virtual reality game, which allows kids to create adventures, play games, role-play, and learn with friends. This becomes dangerous for kids when they can chat and share personal information with strangers.

Similar apps:
XBox Live
Fortnite
Discord

Houseparty
This app is a group video chat service that allows friends to chat via live video and text. This is no monitoring by admins and the video is live. Screenshots can also be taken.

Similar apps:
Liveme
Omegle
Holla

Whisper
This app allows you to post secrets anonymously and also allows you to chat with other users in your geographic area.

Similar apps:
ask.fm
YikYak

Kik
A free app-based alternative texting service that allows text/pictures to be sent without being logged in the phone history.

Similar apps:
Viber
WhatsApp