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Prevent Child Abuse Nevada Newsletter

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CYBERBULLYING

With school out for the summer, kids have a lot more time to use the internet for leisure purposes. The indelible and widespread use of social media websites, cell phones, and communication apps makes disconnecting harder than ever. Children and young teens that may have been able to escape bullying during summer break don’t have the opportunity to do so in the constantly connected world we find ourselves in.

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using electronic technology such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites. Examples of cyberbullying include mean text
messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles.

**Tips for Parents:**

- Help kids understand bullying. Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.
- Keep the lines of communication open. Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.
- Encourage kids to do what they love. Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behavior.
- Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.

**Tips for Kids:**

- Always think about what you post. You never know what someone will forward. Being kind to others online will help to keep you safe. Do not share anything that could hurt or embarrass anyone.
- Keep your password a secret from other kids. Even kids that seem like friends could give your password away or use it in ways you don't want. Let your parents have your passwords.
- Keep your parents in the loop. Tell them what you're doing online and who you're doing it with. Let them friend or follow you. Listen to what they have to say about what is and isn't okay to do. They care about you and want you to be safe.
- Talk to an adult you trust about any messages you get or things you see online that make you sad or scared. If it is cyberbullying, report it.

Adapted from [http://www.stopbullying.gov/](http://www.stopbullying.gov/)

**Pinwheels for Prevention Report**

This year's "Pinwheels for Prevention" activities were a statewide success! Overall, 9 counties reported their participation in about 17 Pinwheels for Prevention events by either planting pinwheels in parks or courthouse lawns as well as involving school teachers, children and parents in the festivities.

Pinwheel organizers got their local community members involved by displaying pinwheels in local businesses, engaging local policy makers and public figures. They also collaborated with statewide service providers to build awareness of preventative measures that can be used stop child abuse and neglect before it ever happens through community.

**Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Statewide Conference**

[Image of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Statewide Conference]

Who: Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
resource fairs, press conferences, and tabling at other events statewide.

View the 2014 Statewide Summary Report Here

National News

House Passes Anti-Human Trafficking Bills

The House of Representatives has recently voted to pass a series of anti-human trafficking bills, many of which directly affect the lives of victimized children.

H.R.3610 Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2013 - Requires each state, within three years, to have in effect legislation that: (1) treats a minor who has engaged or attempted to engage in a commercial sex act as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons, (2) discourages the charging or prosecution of such an individual for a prostitution or sex trafficking offense, and (3) encourages the diversion of such individual to child protection services. Authorizes the Attorney General to withhold funds from a state that fails to comply with such requirement. Increases the amount a victim of peonage, slavery, or trafficking in persons may recover in a civil action against the perpetrator to treble damages.

H.R.4058 Preventing Sex Trafficking and Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care Act

Title I: Identifying and Protecting Youth At Risk of Sex Trafficking - Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to demonstrate that the state has developed policies and

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Building Trauma-Informed Services for Children, Youth, and Parents Impacted by Domestic Violence

Building Trauma-Informed Services for Children, Youth, and Parents Impacted by Domestic Violence is a 10-part webinar series for domestic violence advocates, supervisors, and mental health clinicians working in DV programs. Through this series, participants will gain enhanced understanding and practical strategies for supporting survivors and their children to address challenges, promote resilience, and heal from the traumatic effects of interpersonal violence.

July 30, 12:00-1:30 pm PST: Caring for Others While Caring for Ourselves

This webinar examines how doing this work, and in particular, working with children, may affect us. This webinar offers practical strategies for enhancing self-awareness, dealing with stress on the job, fostering resilience, and developing organizational supports that can help sustain us in this work.

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procedures for identifying and screening, and for determining appropriate state action and services with respect to, children over whom the state agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision who the state has reasonable cause to believe are victims of sex trafficking or a severe form of trafficking in persons, or are at risk of being such victims.

Title II: Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care and Supporting Permanency - Requires the state authority or authorities designated by a state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to: (1) develop a reasonable and prudent parent standard for the child's participation in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities; and (2) apply this standard to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under title IV part E.

Title III: Improving Data Collection and Reporting on Child Sex Trafficking - Includes sex trafficking data in the adoption and foster care analysis and reporting system (AFCARS). Directs the Secretary to report annually to Congress on the annual aggregate number of children in foster care identified as victims of sex trafficking or a severe form of trafficking in described persons, together with such other appropriate information relating to the identification of, and provision of services for, that population of children.

H.R.4225 Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2014 or the SAVE Act of 2014- Prohibits knowingly benefiting financially from, receiving anything of value from, or distributing advertising that offers a commercial sex act in a manner that violates federal criminal code prohibitions against sex trafficking of children or of any person by force, fraud, or coercion. Violators are subject to a fine, imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

H.R.4573 International Megan's Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish within the Child Exploitation Investigations Unit of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) the Angel Watch Center, which shall: receive information on travel by child-sex offenders;
transmit notice of impending or current international travel by such offenders to the Secretary of State, accompanied by an advisory regarding whether the period of validity of the passport of the offender should be limited; transmit notice of impending or current international travel of child-sex offenders to the countries of destination; and establish a mechanism to receive complaints from child-sex offenders affected by notifications of destination countries.

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