**DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH**

**OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

**AND FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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| **Name of Resource** | **Brief Description** |
| Blue Campaign[www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign](http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign) | The Blue Campaign is an effort of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to combat human trafficking. The Blue Campaign provides resources to educate the public on the recognition of human trafficking and the reporting of suspected instances. Training materials are available. |
| Committee for Children<https://www.cfchildren.org> | The Committee for Children promotes the safety, well-being, and success of children in school and life. Tools are available to help educators, parents, and others. The Committee promotes social-emotional skills to help prevent youth violence, bullying, and substance abuse. Resources include a conversation guide for parents to help them start the conversation with their children about difficult issues. |
| Common Sense Media[www.CommonSenseMedia.org](http://www.CommonSenseMedia.org) | This website provides detailed reviews and recommendations for age-appropriate kids’ sites, online games, movies, apps, TV, books, and more. Free family guides and resources for educators are also provided. The website rates, educates, and advocates for kids, families, and schools. |
| Covenant Eyes[www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com) | Covenant Eyes provides services to educate and equip adults about the dangers of pornography and to help them prepare children for a world where it is easily accessible. Free online educational materials are available. Covenant Eyes also provides software for purchase for internet accountability and filtering. |
| Crimes Against Children Research Center[www.unh.edu/ccrc](http://www.unh.edu/ccrc) | The CCRC combats crimes against children by providing high quality research and statistics to the public on topics such as child abduction, homicide, rape, assault, physical and sexual abuse, as well as their impact. |
| Cyberbullying Research Center<http://cyberbullying.org> | The Cyberbullying Research Center provides information about the nature, extent, causes, and consequences of cyberbullying among adolescents. The website serves as a clearinghouse of information for parents, educators, and other adults working with youth. Resources are included to help prevent and respond to cyberbullying incidents. |
| Just Ask to End Human Trafficking<https://justaskprevention.org> | Just Ask to End Human Trafficking works to educate youth and adults about the signs of human trafficking to keep teenagers safe. |
| KidSmartz[www.kidsmartz.org](http://www.kidsmartz.org) | KidSmartz is a child safety program that educates families about preventing abduction and empowers kids in grades K-5 to practice safer behaviors. Resources are provided to help parents, caregivers, and teachers. Tips, printable activities, quizzes, articles, music, videos, etc. are provided. KidSmartz is created by experts at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in partnership with Honeywell. |
| Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA)[www.mocsa.org](http://www.mocsa.org) | MOCSA exists to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual abuse and assault and prevent sexual violence. Education, advocacy, and counseling services are available. Educational services include presentations, programs, and professional training for children, teens, and adults. Some of the topics available for youth include sexual harassment, cyberbullying, sexting, sexual assault, dating violence, sexual exploitation, and gender stereotypes. |
| Missouri KidsFirst[www.missourikidsfirst.org](http://www.missourikidsfirst.org) | Missouri KidsFirst coordinates with the Child Advocacy Centers across Missouri. Its mission includes child abuse prevention and it is the Missouri state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. A 3-hour online training for mandated reporters is available on their website. |
| National Center for Missing and Exploited Children[www.missingkids.com/](http://www.missingkids.com/) | National resources on missing children, child sexual exploitation, child safety and prevention are available. Many free downloadable materials and publications are provided. This Center supports training called NetSmartz, KidSmartz, and provides child ID kits as well. The National Center also operates CyberTipline® which is a mechanism for reporting child pornography, child sex trafficking, and other forms of child sexual exploitation. |
| National Crime Prevention Council[www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org) | The National Crime Prevention Council’s website provides publications and many free downloadable resources for adults and youth. Some of the many topics addressed include cyberbullying, bullying, home and neighborhood safety, intellectual property theft, safe firearms storage, etc. Younger audiences may enjoy the use of the McGruff the Crime Dog materials. |
| National Educators to Stop Trafficking<http://nesteducators.org> | NEST equips teachers and youth leaders with age-appropriate curriculum and resources to educate and empower youth – teaching them how to avoid being trafficked, how to stand up for victims of trafficking, and how to spread the word in their communities so that sexual exploitation and human trafficking become a thing of the past. This website is an online warehouse of human trafficking prevention education. |
| NetSmartz[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) | NetSmartz is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates. Program goals: (1) educate children on how to recognize potential Internet risks; (2) engage children and adults in a two-way conversation about on- and offline risks; (3) empower children to help prevent themselves from being exploited and to report victimization to a trusted adult |
| OnGuardOnline.gov[www.onguardonline.gov/](http://www.onguardonline.gov/) | This is the federal government’s website offering help for being safe, secure, and responsible online. A Spanish link is also provided. Topics include avoiding scams, hacked email, being smart online, understanding mobile apps, tips for using public wi-fi networks, protecting kids online (video games, mobile phones), securing your wireless network, and malware. Resources are available for educators, parents, techies, kids. Free publications may be ordered. |
| Prevent Child Abuse America[www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org) | Prevent Child Abuse America was founded in 1972 and works to promote the healthy development of children and prevent child abuse before it can occur to help children grow up and contribute in their communities. Pinwheels for Prevention started as a grassroots campaign among their chapters in Georgia, Florida, and Ohio. The website provides tip sheets for parents, expert advice, and activity toolkits. |
| Protect Young Minds<https://protectyoungminds.org> | The mission of Protect Young Minds is to empower parents, professionals, and community leaders to protect young children from pornography and promote healing from any sexual exploitation. Protect Young Minds offers the “Good Pictures Bad Pictures” series of children’s books. These books help teach kids what pornography is, why it’s dangerous, and how to reject it. Various parental guides, conversation starters, and toolkits are available. |
| Pure Hope<http://purehope.net/> | The Pure Hope website provides Christian solutions in a sexualized culture, including help for parents. Free downloadable resources include “Parenting in a Sexualized Culture.” |
| StaySafeOnline.org<https://staysafeonline.org> | This website is sponsored by the National CyberSecurity Alliance. Its mission is to educate and empower a digital society to use the Internet safely and securely at home, work, and school. Numerous resources are provided including guides, tip sheets, and videos. |
| StopBullying.gov[www.stopbullying.gov/](http://www.stopbullying.gov/) | This is a federal government website managed by the Dep’t of Health & Human Services. It provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, who is at risk, warning signs, how you can prevent bullying, and how to respond to bullying.  |
| Stop It Now![www.stopitnow.org](http://www.stopitnow.org) | Stop It Now! provides prevention tools such as tip sheets, guidebooks, newsletters etc. to help in the prevention and recognition of child sexual abuse.  |
| VIRTUS®*Online*[www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) | This website provides numerous materials under the “Resources” link at the top of the homepage. Some provided include: the USCCB Child and Youth Protection Office, an Internet shorthand sheet, handouts, a parent’s prevention handbook, and archived presentations from Robert Farley, an international consultant in crimes against children. |

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