

B3 “WE’RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE TOTO” (INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS)

Ever wonder what your children are really “saying” online? The Internet clearly influences how we discover and interact with the world around us. Unfortunately, “cyberspace” is not always a safe place for vulnerable youth and in a world where many children communicate with friends and family via the internet, as a parent you must walk a fine line between fostering that sense of connection and the safety of your children. In this workshop you will learn the basic concepts of predator tactics used to gain victim compliance, familiarize yourself with social networking sites as well as learn basic prevention techniques to reduce the potential of victimization. This course is designed for parents with children of all ages and seeks to give you the knowledge to help your children safely “log on”.



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Mike Ferjak is a senior criminal investigator with the Iowa Department of Justice-Office of the Attorney General. Mike graduated with honors from Upper Iowa University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration with a Law Enforcement emphasis and earned his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Simpson College. He has been involved in the law enforcement profession since 1973. Since 2004, he has served as the Iowa Department of Justice investigator on the federal Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force in Iowa and is a member of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation’s (DCI) Cyber-Crime Unit. He also investigates felony cases involving financial crimes, public corruption and human trafficking matters. He is an adjunct professor for the criminal justice programs at three Iowa colleges and universities. He is also an invited guest lecturer at Drake University’s Law School on domestic and sexual violence, sexual predators and related law enforcement issues. Mike presently serves as Vice-Chair of the Iowa ICAC Task Force Advisory Board and represents Iowa on the National Association of Attorneys General Internet Issues Group.