D3 THE DANGERS OF ONLINE TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

During the presentation, foster parents will be informed of the dangers associated with online technology, as well as be equipped with strategies designed to better protect the foster child. These dangers include sexting; child pornography; child grooming; child trafficking; internet predators; cyber bullying; tracking through internet; online hoaxes; online recruitment into harmful organizations; access to inappropriate material; addictive behaviors; social networking; inappropriate and unsupervised contact/communication with birthparents and biological family members. Participants will be equipped with strategies designed to better aid foster children as they face these aspects of technology.

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Dr. DeGarmo has a B.A. in History, a Masters in Media Technology, a Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Walden University. He is the author of the highly inspirational book Fostering Love: One Foster Parent's Journey. He writes regularly for many magazines, and is a regular contributor to several publications, both in the United States and in the United Kingdom. Dr. DeGarmo is married to Dr. Kelly DeGarmo, who hails from Australia, and the two of them have four children. Dr. DeGarmo has been a foster parent for dozens of children for over a decade now. He has a passion for foster children, and is driven to bring education and insight into general society about all things foster care. **Dr. DeGarmo will be selling his book and is available for book signing throughout the day on Saturday.**