

Predators in Our Schools: Guidelines for Detection and Reporting

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Overview

- ❖ **How bad is the problem?**
- ❖ **Reporting obligations**
- ❖ **Red flags and best practices**
- ❖ **Video training roll out**
- ❖ **Educational options for kids/young adults**
- ❖ **Effective law enforcement responses**
- ❖ **Criminal tradecraft**

Sexual Abuse in Schools

- ❖ **Boston Globe study of 67 elite private schools (May 9, 2016)**
- ❖ **200 students abused by 37 school staff offenders**
- ❖ **11 staff offenders moved to other schools and reoffended**
- ❖ **Only 23 of 224 schools responded to information requests**

SDIN Case Intake in 2014-16

- ❖ **Big issue in Indiana, with increase in cases**
- ❖ **Multiple critical failures by multiple private and public schools**
- ❖ **So where are we now?**

Revolution

- ❖ **Internet social networking and high technology have fundamentally changed human behavior and criminal tradecraft**
- ❖ **Society no longer tolerates abuse in the school environment**
- ❖ **Traditional surveillance models are much less effective**

Networking Revolution

❖ Social networking

- ◆ Among offenders
- ◆ Between victims and offenders
- ◆ Among minors
- ◆ Among strangers

❖ Why is this happening?

Reaction

- ❖ **To protect kids in schools, we must understand how they may interact with each other and staff offenders**
- ❖ **We also need to understand bad staff offender behavior and motivation in the school environment**
 - ◆ **Red flags**

Criminal Liability

- ❖ **Failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect is a crime in Indiana**
- ❖ **Offender could be:**
 - ◆ **Adult**
 - ◆ **Minor**
 - ◆ **Parent**
 - ◆ **Anyone**

Reporting Obligation

- ❖ **Any person who has a reason to believe a child is a victim of abuse or neglect has a duty to make a report to the Department of Child Services (DCS) or the police**
- ❖ **You must report it immediately**
 - ◆ **Waiting will create liability**
Indiana Code § 31-33-5-1

Criminal Liability

- ❖ **State misdemeanor, which is punishable up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine**
 - ◆ **Indiana Code § 31-33-22-1(a)**

How to Report

- ❖ **If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected you must call Indiana's Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556 or local law enforcement**
- ❖ **The police and/or DCS are the appropriate authorities to investigate these matters**

Recent Examples

- ❖ **Two school employees were recently charged for waiting 6 days to make a report**
- ❖ **Telling another employee at a school will not protect with knowledge from criminal charges**
- ❖ **Person with knowlege can report anonymously**

No Waiting Period

- ❖ **Indiana principal was convicted of failing to report suspected child abuse**
- ❖ **Principal waited 4 hours to report the abuse while conducting his own investigation**

DOE Reporting

- ❖ If you have any questions about reporting, please feel free to contact the DOE at 317-232-6646
- ❖ kbauder@doe.in.gov
- ❖ Or DCS
- ❖ Or law enforcement
- ❖ Or the local prosecutor
- ❖ Or the Indiana State Police
- ❖ Of the US Attorney's Office

What You Cannot Do:

- ❖ **Destroy child pornography (CP)**
- ❖ **Possess, copy or transfer CP**
- ❖ **Tell someone else to do so**
 - ◆ **You must give it to law enforcement, its contraband (like Heroin)**
- ❖ **Tamper with witnesses/victims**
- ❖ **Destroy evidence**
- ❖ **Conspire or agree to do this things**

You Also Cannot:

- ❖ **Persuade the victim to lie or stay silent**
- ❖ **Sign confidentiality agreements that obstruct official investigations**
- ❖ **Provide false positive employment recommendations to the next school**
- ❖ **Defame the minor victim**
- ❖ **Punish the victim, not the staff member**

Predatory Staff Behavior

❖ Seduction through:

- ◆ Attention, affection and gifts
- ◆ Cigarettes
- ◆ Drugs, money or a job

❖ Secret communication methods

- ◆ Sexting with minor

❖ Private contacts with minor victim

Sextortion Cases

❖ How this works

❖ Blackmail material

- ◆ Impersonating a minor
- ◆ Impersonating an attractive teen
- ◆ Hacking phones/game consoles/computer
- ◆ Stolen cell phones
- ◆ Capturing video chat

Sexortion in Schools

❖ US v Wheeler

- ◆ Offender used kik.com to meet victims
- ◆ Posed as tech support
- ◆ Posed as another student
- ◆ Threatened to tell principal (he had the name)
- ◆ Threatened to post images in bathrooms
- ◆ Followed through on threats
- ◆ School responses

Training Opinions

- ❖ **Video for staff**
- ❖ **ICAC Youth Educator Program**



Darrel Hughes Video

Background

- ❖ History of case
- ❖ Purpose of video
- ❖ Using the video in internal training
- ❖ Sex Offender no IDOE Logo.m4v



Cyber Safety

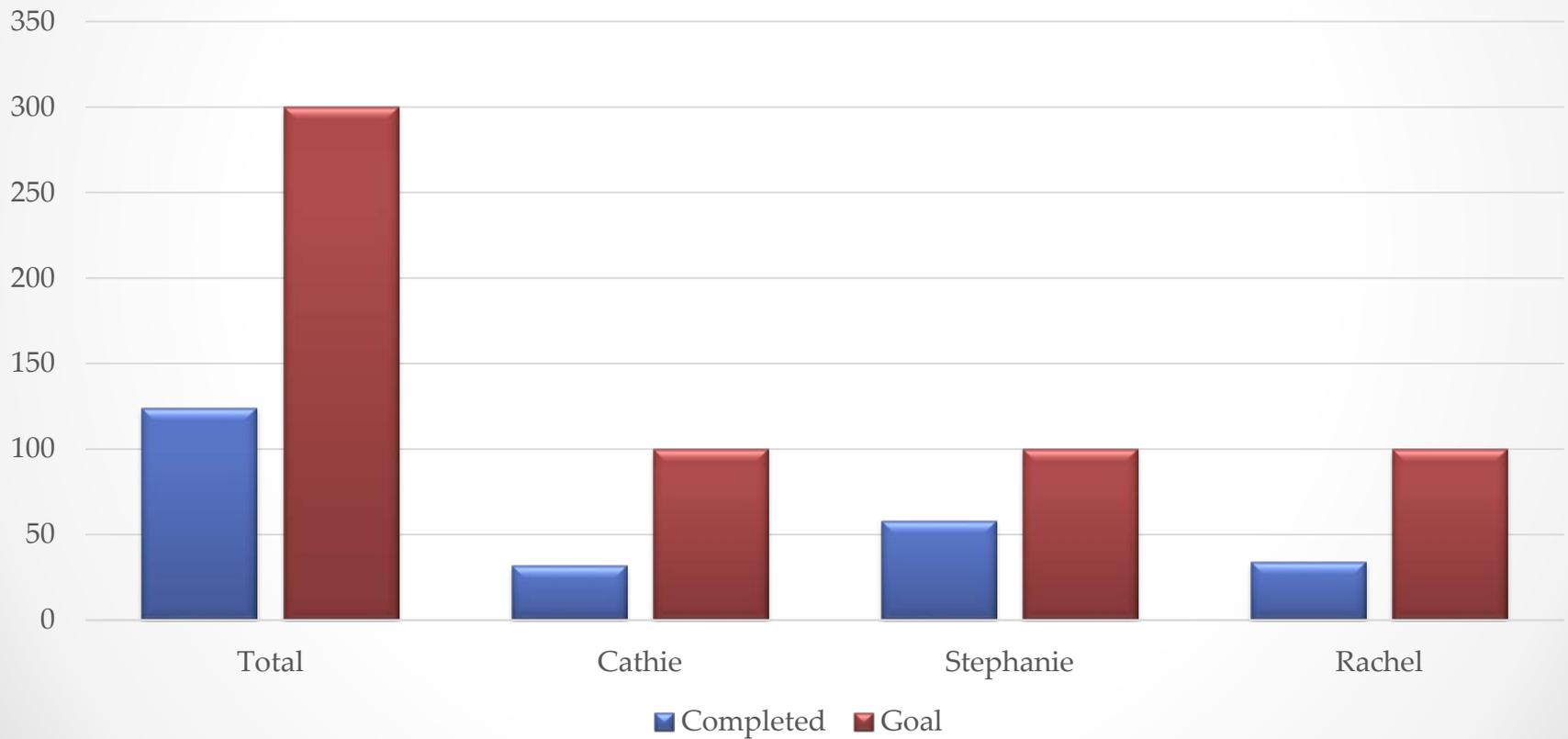
ICAC

Internet Crimes Against Children
Task Force

Presentations

15,328 Kids since 2/26/16 (10,000 Goal)

Goal of 300 Total and 100 Individual Presentations



Victim Disclosures

- 16 Victims
 - 56% age 13-17
 - 81% Female
 - 69% White
- Offenses
 - 38% Stalking & Harassment
 - 31% Suicidal
 - 31% Cyber Bullying
 - Multiple other offenses; ID Theft, Child Solicitation, etc.

Additional Events

- Public Events
 - 6 (PTOs, School Fairs, Church and Township Meetings)
- Public Awareness Programs
 - 10 (Media)
- Training Sessions
 - 3 (School Administrators and Staff)
- Extra
 - Indiana Homeschool Convention
 - ISP Youth Camps
 - Library Outreach
 - Online Additional Training for Educators

Evaluations

- 200 + Evaluations Completed
- Seven (7) Main Questions
- Consistently rated between “Highly Beneficial” and “Extremely Beneficial”
- Comments are overwhelmingly positive and encouraging.

Heroes of Program

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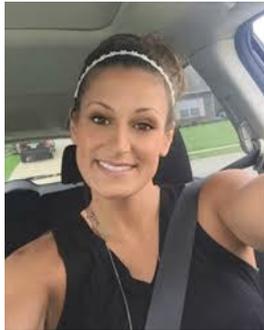
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- Please take the time to attend one of their presentations

Communication Revolution

- ❖ **Everyone has internet access**
- ❖ **Everyone has a cellphone**
- ❖ **Everyone has a GPS coordinate**

Students Have Cell Phone Access:

- ❖ **98% of high school students have a cell phone**
 - ◆ 31% with mobile Internet
- ❖ **83% of middle school students have a cell phone**
 - ◆ 25% with mobile Internet
- ❖ **43% of 3rd through 5th graders have a cell phone**
 - ◆ 15% with mobile Internet
- ❖ **28% of K-2nd graders have a cell phone**
 - ◆ 12% with mobile Internet

Teenagers Love Multi-Purpose Cell Phone

- ❖ 83% use cell phones to take pictures
- ❖ 64% share pictures with others
- ❖ 60% play music on their phones
- ❖ 46% play games on their phones
- ❖ 32% exchange videos on their phones
- ❖ 31% exchange instant messages on their phones

Some Implications

- ❖ **No place to hide**
- ❖ **Instantaneous communication**
- ❖ **Incomplete development of ideas**
- ❖ **More effective ways to harm others**
- ❖ **Physical locations are less important**
- ❖ **Sexting with cell phones**
- ❖ **Twittering self-produced images**

Technical Revolution

- ❖ Huge data sets
- ❖ Digital cameras are everywhere
- ❖ Mobile computing
- ❖ Open networks
- ❖ Better criminal tradecraft
- ❖ Better security
- ❖ Most people are more informed