Diocese of Erie
Office for the Protection of Children

Additional Resources for Adults

Child Abuse Reporting and Hotlines

Childline (in Pennsylvania)
To report suspected child abuse
1-800-932-0313

National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
TDD, for the hearing impaired: 1-800-2-A-CHILD
www.childhelp.org
This hotline's staff answers questions, gives advice and provides information regarding reporting abuse and other related topics. Trained counselors are available at no cost 24 hours a day to talk with callers on a confidential basis.

National Sexual Assault Hotline; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network
1-800-656-HOPE
www.rainn.org
This is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. They have counselors available 24 hours a day and will connect callers to local sexual assault resource centers.

Cyber Tipline
1-800-843-5678
Use the "tipline" to report inappropriate or suspicious online activity and the sexual exploitation of children. Run by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.org)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
http://www.missingkids.com
Offers information about how to report missing children and tips on how to protect children online.

National Runaway Hotline
1-800-231-6946
This hotline has trained counselors available 24 hours a day to help families of runaway youth.

Child Abuse Prevention/Child Protection Information

https://www.d2l.org/ Many resources. Download excellent abuse prevention tips

http://www.preventchildabuse.org/resources/ Short articles on various topics for parents about child protection from Prevent Child Abuse America.

www.parentsanonymous.org This national organization encourages all parents to ask for help early, whatever the circumstances, to break the cycle of child abuse.

Protection of Children and Young People | USCCB Official site of the Office of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

http://www.pcar.org/about-sexual-violence/teens Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect website designed for teens. Excellent information, videos, and links for teens regarding sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating and sexual assault, etc.

Internet Safety Info for Parents

http://www.fosi.org/ Family Online Safety Institute international, non-profit organization which works to make the online world safer for kids and their families. Involved in *Platform for Good* Initiative http://www.aplatformforgood.org which is designed to help parents, teachers and teens connect, share and do good online.

http://www.safekids.com/ Many resources. A nonprofit public service providing "kid-tech news" for parents and educators in more than 50 countries

www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz Provides on- and offline learning activities for parents to facilitate discussions with their children and teens about Internet safety.

Parent Guides from ConnectSafely - ConnectSafely

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online Federal Trade Commissions Protecting Kids online provides information about the opportunities kids have to socialize online along with the benefits and risks. Adults can help reduce the risks by talking to kids about making safe and responsible decisions.

...For Kids & Teens

KidSmartz (missingkids.org) Child safety program designed to help parents protect kids (Gr. K-5)

Into The Cloud (missingkids.org) "Into the Cloud" for elementary children designed to teach internet safety.

http://www.safeteens.com/ A place for teens and parents to learn how to use the Internet safely. No preaching, just good advice.

http://www.aplatformforgood.org helps teens connect, share and do good online.

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Internet Filtering Software

http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/

Media Information

http://www.parentstv.org/ Parent's Television Council – a non-partisan educational organization advocating responsible entertainment

Reviews - OSV News Catholic movie reviews

http://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews?gclid=CNDOz-PI-qICFd8B5wodDHPlzw Rating Guide for Parents for TV, Movies, Video Games, etc.

Safety Tips - ConnectSafely Cell Phone Safety Tips

Offender Registry Information

Meagan's Law website

http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/ List all registered sexual predators in Pennsylvania

National Sex Offender Public Website
http://www.nsopr.gov/

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