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Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center.

Our Stats in Johnson County:

- ▶ **70% of children seen were involved in sexual abuse cases.**

- ▶ **98% of child victims knew their alleged perpetrator.**

- ▶ **21% were not old enough to attend kindergarten.**

- ▶ **34% of children initially seen are suicidal.**

- ▶ **We provide about 55 interviews per month.**

Why?

Our world is changing with the use of technology, and we don't have a choice but to change with it.

Health Concerns

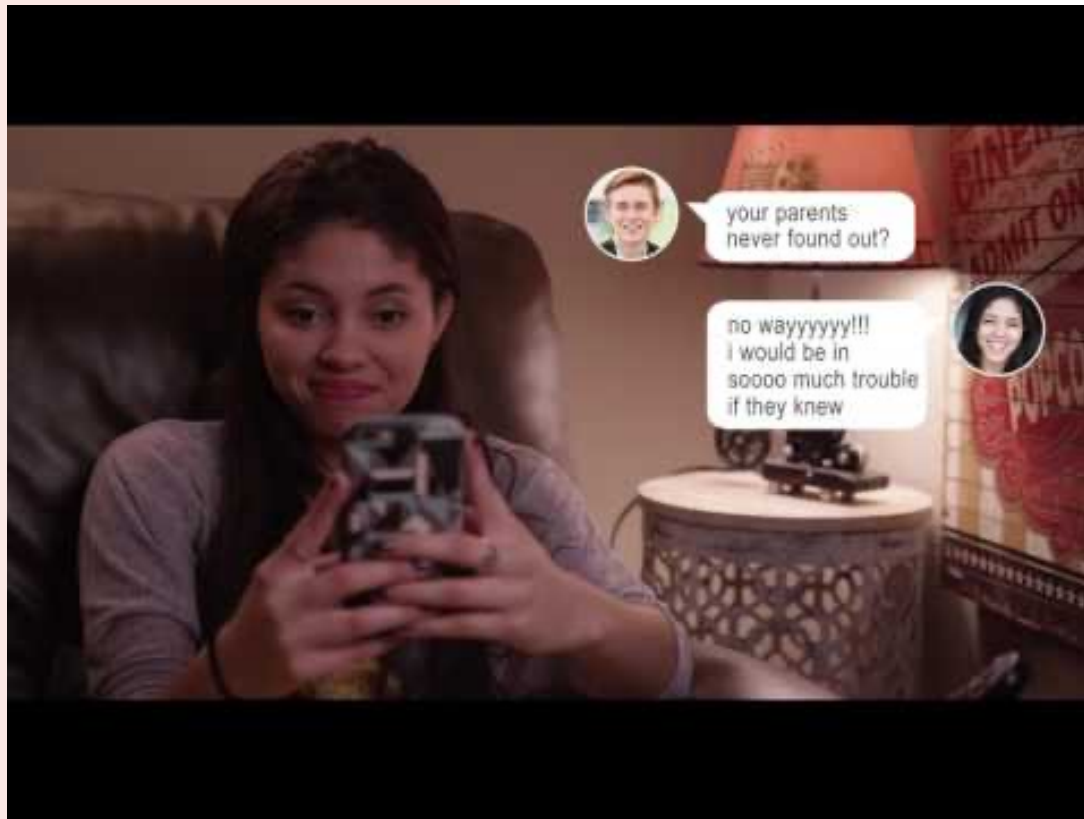- Internet safety is now the 4th ranked health concerns issue for teens in the United States.

- Obesity- Heart failure is the top ranked death factor in the United States.

- Depression- the average age of kids diagnosed with depression is 11. This can come from living life through others on social media.

- Anxiety- 50% of all kids diagnosed with anxiety are diagnosed before age 6.

Predators

▶ **34% of predators are acquaintances.**

▶ **59% of predators are family members.**

▶ **7% of predators are strangers.**

Grooming

▶ **Grooming is a tactic used by predators to create a relationship or gain trust with the purpose of sexually exploiting their victim.**

Grooming behaviors can include:

Getting close or touching a child/teen in inappropriate or "accidental" ways.

Singling out a child/teen by giving them gifts or flattering them.

Asking a child/teen about their romantic life.

Showing youth sexual images or videos.

Telling youth this is how you show love or threatening them.

Asking youth to keep secrets

Trying to isolate youth from friends and family.

Sexting- posting or sending nude or semi-nude pictures.

Research suggest that:

- **19.3% students have sexted.**
- **34.8% say they have received a sext.**

Sextortion- Blackmail using explicit images or videos.

▶Financial Sextortion- Involves blackmailing the victim for money. Once the money is sent, the sextortion gets worse.In the past, the motive of offenders was to get more explicit images of a child, but in reports from early 2022, 79% of the offenders were seeking money.

▶Sextortion for more content- Involves blackmailing the victim for more images/videos and can progress to an in person meeting. Since 2016, the CyberTipline has received 262,573 reports of Online Enticement which includesNCMEC Sextortion 60sec sextortion.

The Facts

▶ **55% of sex trafficking victims aged 7-11 are recruited through game chatrooms and social media apps.**

▶ **20% of all sex trafficking victims in the U.S. travel through Texas.**

▶ **40% of sex trafficking victims are recruited online.**

▶ **1 in 3 young people say their closest friends are those met online.**

Basic guidelines for parental supervision:

- Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behavior.

- Keep the computer in a common area where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms. Monitor any time spent on smart phones or tablets.

- Bookmark kids' favorite sites for easy access.

- Check your credit card and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges.

- Find out what, if any, online protection is offered by your child's school, after-school center, friends' homes, or any place where kids could use a computer without your supervision.

- Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.

Signs to look for:

- Spending long hours online, especially at night

- Phone calls from people you don't know.

- Unsolicited gifts arriving in the mail.

- Your child suddenly turning off the computer or other device when you walk into the room.

- Withdrawal from family life and reluctance to discuss online activities.

Having nudes or sexually-exploitive images or videos taken when you were a child out there on the internet can be frightening and overwhelming, but there is hope to get it taken down.

Survivors often say the process to get images down can be complicated, time consuming or feel invasive, but NCMEC is here to help and you can report the images or videos to our CyberTipline. You can also report the images or videos directly to the companies. On this page you can find tips for both options.

NCMEC also offers a service called Take It Down, which helps remove nude, partially nude or sexually explicit photos and videos of underage people by assigning a unique digital fingerprint, called a hash value, to the images or videos. Online platforms can use those hash values to detect these images or videos on their public or unencrypted services and take action to remove this content.

Reporting

- ▶ **If a child is in immediate danger, CALL 911**

- ▶ **Statewide Intake 24/7- 1.800.252.5400**

- ▶ **www.txabusehotline.org**

Thank you

Our Mission is to provide each child who has suffered abuse with justice, hope and healing.