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Report to the Commission on Children

A review of information and data available to Attorney General Gregory F. Zoeller
regarding vulnerable youth.

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Rx Abuse Task Force

Created to more effectively carry out the Office of the Attorney General's responsibilities associated with Licensing Enforcement, Medicaid Fraud, and Consumer Protection

- The Attorney General launched the statewide Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force to help fight the growing drug problem in the state.
- According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 7 million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs —more than the number using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants combined. Every 25 minutes someone dies from a prescription drug overdose.
- In 2010, 654 Hoosiers died from accidental drug overdoses according to the Indiana State Department of Health.
- While prescription drugs provide relief to millions of people every year when used properly, the abuse of these potent and sometimes deadly drugs has become one of the gravest issues facing Hoosiers today.
- A 2011 Youth Risk Behavior survey of high school students found that more than 20 percent reported they had taken prescription drugs one or more times without a doctor's prescription. These drugs included Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, Codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, and Xanax. Indiana ranked second highest out of the 35 states where students were surveyed.
- The goal of the Task Force is to significantly reduce the abuse of controlled prescription drugs and to decrease the number of deaths associated with these drugs in Indiana.
- Indiana has the second highest prevalence rate of high school students who report they ever took prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription (21.4%), which exceeds the nationwide rate.

Available Contacts Include

- Joan Duwve, M.D., MPH, *Chief Medical Officer, Indiana State Department of Health, Task Force Executive Committee Vice Chairman*
- Deborah McMahan, MD *Health Commissioner, Fort Wayne Allen County Dep't of Health, Rx Task Force Education Committee Chairman*
- Eric Wright, Ph.D., *Director, Center for Health Policy, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*

Additional Information

- Attorney General : Combating Rx Drug Abuse
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2975.htm>
- 2012 Drug Abuse Symposium
 - Nearly 500 professionals participated in the Attorney General's 3rd Annual Prescription Drug Abuse Symposium on December 19, 2012 to target strategies to more aggressively combat this issue in Indiana. Those attendees were composed of Indiana's health professionals, law enforcement officials, state legislators and other key stakeholders.
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2471.htm>
- Indiana Youth Survey 2012, Indiana Prevention Resource Center
 - http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/publications/survey/indianaSurvey_2012_high.pdf

Babies Born with NAS Syndrome

To further the Office's responsibilities associated with Licensing Enforcement the Attorney General Zoeller, working side-by-side with medical professionals of the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, is raising public awareness for what has become a new epidemic of neonatal opiate withdrawal

- The Task Force has identified significant strides that need to be taken with respect to combatting Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).
- NAS is a group of problems that occur in newborns who were exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb. NAS occurs because a pregnant women takes addictive illicit or prescription drugs such as: Opiates/ Narcotics; Benzodiazepines; Amphetamines; Cocaine; Barbiturates; and multiple drug exposure
- These and other substances pass to the baby during pregnancy. The baby becomes addicted along with the mother. At birth, the baby is still dependent on the drug. Because the baby is no longer getting the drug after birth, symptoms of withdrawal may occur. These symptoms may occur within 1-3 days after birth, or may take 5-10 days to appear.
- The maternal history and drug screen results are particularly important in determining the extent of the evaluation performed. Evaluations and tests that may help diagnose withdrawal in a newborn may include:
 - NAS scoring system, which assigns points based on each sign and its severity. The infant's score can help determine treatment.
 - Toxicology screen of first bowel movement (meconium)
 - Toxicology screen of urine
 - Toxicology screen of umbilical cord blood

Available Contacts Include

- Paul Winchester, M.D. *Medical Director of the NICU at St. Francis – Indianapolis*
- Joan Duwve, M.D., MPH, *Chief Medical Officer, Indiana State Department of Health, Task Force Executive Committee Vice Chairman*
- John C. Ellis, M.D. *Medical Director, Managed Health Services MHS*

Additional Information

- NAS Presentation by Dr. Winchester
 - [http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/files/\(edit\)Winchester_Neonatal_Abstinence_and_Opiate_Prescriptions._12_13_2012_pt.pdf](http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/files/(edit)Winchester_Neonatal_Abstinence_and_Opiate_Prescriptions._12_13_2012_pt.pdf)
- A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia: Neonatal abstinence syndrome
 - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0004566/>
- National Institute of Health- *Buprenorphine treatment in pregnancy: less distress to babies*
 - <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/dec2010/nida-09.htm>
- The New England Journal of Medicine- *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome after Methadone or Buprenorphine Exposure*
 - <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1005359>
- Boston Children's Hospital- *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*

- <http://www.childrenshospital.org/az/Site1338/mainpageS1338P3.html>
- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin- *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*
 - <http://www.chw.org/display/PPF/DocID/23414/router.asp>
- The Journal of the American Medical Association- *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Associated Health Care Expenditures*
 - <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1151530>
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists- *Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women and the American Society of Addiction Medicine*
 - http://www.acog.org/Resources_And_Publications/Committee_Opinions/Committee_on_Health_Care_for_Underserved_Women/Opioid_Abuse_Dependence_and_Addiction_in_Pregnancy
- Maternal and Child Health- *Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*
 - <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/bchs/mch/documents/nas-data-brief.pdf>
- National Perinatal Information Center- Special Quarterly Report: *Linked Analysis Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome* (data and charts)
 - http://www.npic.org/Services/V112_Special_Report_SAMPLE.pdf
- American Medical Association-*Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Associated Health Care Expenditures United States, 2000-2009*
 - [http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/MMFD-8TVHGF/\\$file/JAMANEonatalStudy.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/MMFD-8TVHGF/$file/JAMANEonatalStudy.pdf)

What other states are doing

- **Tennessee** is requiring physicians to report of neonatal abstinence syndrome. Information includes: maternal history, clinical signs in infant, and infant screening/confirmatory tests. This information is collected in survey format through Survey Monkey and then sent directly to the Tennessee Department of Health:
 - <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1317225/TDH-NAS-REPORT>
- **Florida** is also in the process of recommending similar policies:
 - [http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/KGRG-92VR3N/\\$file/DRAFT_PolicyRecommendations.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/KGRG-92VR3N/$file/DRAFT_PolicyRecommendations.pdf)
- **Ohio** has provided one millions dollars to Ohio’s Children’s Hospital to research health issues, including NAS:
 - <http://healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=qYOvpECczuU%3D&tabid=130>

Address Confidentiality Program

In accordance with the General Assembly's 2001 creation of the Address Confidentiality Program, the Attorney General's office is working to protect children from an abusive parent.

- The statutorily required Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) (I.C. § 5-26.5) requires the OAG to provide confidential addresses for those who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Children of eligible parents are automatically included in the program
 - Currently there are roughly 100 children in the program.
- The ACP also handles the Hope Card Program and victim notification program, which serve children (via their guardians).
 - The Hope Card Program allows anyone with a valid, long-term (12 months or more) order of protection for domestic violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, to request a card that summarizes the order's most important details.
 - The Program was made possible by a collaborative effort of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General and the HopeLine® from Verizon Program.
 - Many of the victim notifications are to the parents of children who have been murdered or sexually assaulted/molested.

Available Contact

- Michelle Bumgarner, *Director of Victim Assistance for the Office of the Attorney General*

Additional Information

- Attorney General : Address Confidentiality Program
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2375.htm>
- Attorney General: Hope Card Program
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2972.htm>
 - Program Brochure
 - http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/files/OAG_HopeCardBrochure_web.pdf
- HopeLine® from Verizon Program
 - http://aboutus.verizonwireless.com/commitment/community_programs/hopeline/
 - Media Kit
 - http://aboutus.verizonwireless.com/commitment/community_programs/hopeline/HopeLine%20Media%20Kit.pdf

Sex Offender Registry

The Office of the Attorney General represents the Department of Correction in numerous cases challenging the application and enforcement of the law.

- According to the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry, as of July 8, 2013, Indiana has 11,255 registered sex and violent offenders.
- The Office provides training for law enforcement agencies involved with Sex Offender Registry functions.
 - The Office trains sheriffs, prosecutors, and Department of Correction employees how to comply and enforce the law.
- The OAG also partnered with the DOC and Sheriff's Association to develop a mapping function which allows individuals to search for all sex offenders in their area.
- According to the United States Department of Justice, 45% of sexual assault victims are under 12 years of age.
- It is estimated that 80% of all addresses have at least one offender within 1 mile of an address.
- According to the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry website, over 80% of convicted adult rapists report that they have molested children.
 - Over two-thirds of offenders who reported committing incest also said they assaulted victims outside the family.
- Young victims who know or are related to the perpetrator are least likely to report the crime to authorities.

Additional Information

- <http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php>
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- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Search Tips
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/search_tips.php?office=54663
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Presentation
 - <http://108.171.166.207/presentations/54663.html>
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Information to Know
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/cap_safety_1.php?office=54663
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Safety Tips for Children
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/for_children.php?office=54663
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry School Cancelled Safety
 - <http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/school.php?office=54663>
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Summer Safety Tips
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/summer_safety.php?office=54663
- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry School Safety Tips
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/school_safety.php?office=54663

- Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry Internet Safety
 - http://www.communitynotification.com/documents/internet_safety.php?office=54663
- VINELink is the online version of VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the National Victim Notification Network. This service allows crime victims to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day.
 - <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=15000>
- Indiana Vine Brochure
 - https://www.vinelink.com/docs/in/instate/Indiana_VINE_Brochure_English.pdf

What other states are doing

- **California**
 - The California Attorney General's Office is responsible for enforcing Megan's Law, which gives access to information on more than 63,000 persons required to register in California as sex offenders.
 - <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>
- **Illinois**
 - In December 2003, Attorney General Madigan worked with law enforcement leaders throughout Illinois to create the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team (I-SORT) to improve the state's Sex Offender Registry.
 - <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/somb/registry.html>

Internet Crimes Against Children

Part of the AG's responsibility to support the criminal justice system

- Part of the role of an Attorney General is to work in conjunction with other Attorneys General to protect each State's youth through education and resources including training.
 - This is in response to the increasing number of teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.
- From kids and families to law enforcement:
 - With the help of Microsoft and other computer experts, additional education, resources, and training are available.
- To promote ICAC, the Office worked with MySpace and Facebook to boost online social networking safety.
 - Under the multi-state agreements, MySpace and Facebook with support from the attorneys general, created and led an Internet Safety Technical Task Force to explore and develop age and identity verification tools for social networking Web sites.
 - MySpace also invited other social networking sites, age and identify verification experts, child protection groups and technology companies to participate.
- In addition, the Office is collaborating with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to offer the NetSmartz Workshop.

Additional Information

- Indiana Attorney General & Internet Crimes
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2631.htm>
- Internet Keep Safe Coalition
 - <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>
- GetNetWise
 - <http://www.getnetwise.org/>
- i-Safe
 - <http://www.i-safe.org/wp/>
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
 - <http://www.missingkids.com/home>
- National Crime Prevention Council
 - <http://www.ncpc.org/>
- National Cyber Security Alliance
 - <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>
- Wired Safety
 - <https://www.wiredsafety.org/>
- NetSmartz
 - <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>
- NAAG Education Project
 - NAAG and Facebook are launching a new consumer education program designed to provide teens and their parents with tools and tips to manage their privacy and visibility both on Facebook and more broadly on the Internet.
 - <http://www.naag.org/ags-and-facebook-announce-online-safety-campaign.php>

IPATH - Human Trafficking Task Force

Part of the AG's responsibility to support the criminal justice system

- The Attorney General is the co-chair of Indiana's anti-human trafficking task force, IPATH (Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans) and has recently been renamed as the co-chair of the NAAG Standing Committee on Human Trafficking.
- Children and adolescents are sought and used in commercial sex because there is a market, but they are also targeted because they are vulnerable and easy to manipulate.
 - 100,000 to 300,000 U.S. children are victims of commercial sexual trafficking each year and 12-14 years old is the average age of entry of U.S. children into commercial sex.
- Since the formation of IPATH, nearly 75 human trafficking cases have been opened by local law enforcement.
- The OAG has trained nearly 6,000 individuals in the state to be able to identify human trafficking, including hospitals, non-profits, churches, youth workers, state agencies, law enforcement, first responders, and transportation and hospitality groups.
- Additionally, the OAG is currently partnering with DCS and other youth serving organizations to develop a protocol to respond to and serve child victims of trafficking.
- As another way of reaching vulnerable youth, the OAG offers 3 separate curricula for youth that examine trafficking, cultural influences that feed trafficking, and reducing the risk for exploitation.
 - These curricula include our HT 101 Presentation, Empowering Youth to End Sexual Exploitation (created by the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation) and My Life, My Choice (geared for at risk or former victims of trafficking).

Available Contacts Include

- Attorneys General for California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Texas and Virginia provide the following information on their websites:
 - <http://oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking>
 - <http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/AF860EB7606CF92D85257A7D00458CD7>
 - <http://law.ga.gov/human-trafficking>
 - <http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety/human-trafficking>
 - <http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-attorney-generals-office/community-programs/anti-human-trafficking/>
 - <http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-60857---,00.html>
 - http://ag.nv.gov/Human_Trafficking/HT_Home/
 - <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/CrimesAgainstChildren>
 - https://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/pdfs/20121912_htr_fin_3.pdf
 - http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Human_Trafficking/index.html

Additional Information

- Attorney General: Human Trafficking
 - <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2963.htm>

Additional Information cont.

- Testimony of Ernie Allen (July, 2010), National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, available at
 - www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/NewsEventServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=4312
- Some research indicates that the average age of entry for U.S. girls is 12 to 14, while the average age for U.S. boys and transgender youth is 11 to 13. See Amanda Walker-Rodriguez and Rodney Hill, Human Sex Trafficking, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, (March, 2011)
 - http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking.
- Polaris Project, Child Sex Trafficking At-A-Glance, (2011)
 - http://loveandlighttofreedom.org/uploads/Child_Sex_Trafficking__Polaris_Project-Jan_2012_.pdf
- Ernie Allen, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, speaking to the House Victims' Rights Caucus Human Trafficking Caucus, Cong. Rec., 111th Cong., 2nd sess., 2010
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
 - Physical Maltreatment
 - Sexual Abuse
 - Emotional maltreatment
 - Growing up with Intimate partner violence against mother
 - Household substance abuse
 - Household mental illness or suicidality
 - Household member in prison
 - Parental separation/divorce
 - <http://acestudy.org/>

Medicaid Fraud

Protecting the funds designated for providing healthcare pursuant to Indiana Code § 4-6-10

- The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (the Unit) is charged with protecting the state and federal funds designated for providing healthcare to those who lack the ability to provide their own. A large percentage of vulnerable Hoosiers are children.
- The Unit's mission is:
 - to identify, stop, and punish those who attempt to defraud the Medicaid program of these funds;
 - to discourage would-be thieves who can be deterred by the fear of being caught and punished; and
 - to recover money claimed through false Medicaid billings
- The Unit's success in this mission leads directly to more funds being available to provide desperately needed healthcare.
- Examples of fraud in the provision of services intended for children include:
 - pharmaceutical manufacturers marketing their drugs by encouraging doctors to prescribe the drugs for children even though the drugs are not approved for children
 - pharmaceutical manufacturers paying disguised kickbacks to doctors for prescribing their drugs for children even though the drugs are not approved for children
 - mental-health providers billing for services to children that were never provided
 - dental providers performing unnecessary teeth capping on baby teeth
- The Unit is also charged with identifying, stopping, and punishing those who would mistreat the very patients Medicaid pays them to take care of.
- Typical scenarios are:
 - a child left unattended by a Medicaid-paid caretaker who was supposed to be caring for the vulnerable child at the child's home
 - assembly-line dentists separating children from their parents, strapping them on papoose boards, and performing work on them while the children screamed
 - a mental-health provider legitimately treating one sibling, but forcing services on all the other siblings, saddling them with a mental-health-treatment record
- The Unit's results for the last full calendar year all represent:
 - the recovery of fraudulently claimed funds intended for vulnerable Hoosiers, including the children
 - the punishment meted out to providers who provided no service; or
 - the punishment of providers who mistreated vulnerable patients, many of them children
- **In 2012, the Unit investigations resulted in:**

○ Criminal Penalties	30
○ Licensing Sanctions	116
○ Certified Nurse Aide Findings	3
○ HHS-OIG Exclusions	4
○ Civil Judgments and Settlements	44
○ Dollars Collected	\$52,340,097.87

Additional Information

- Attorney General : Medicaid Fraud -<http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2453.htm>

Additional Efforts

School Resource Officers & Teen Youth Courts

- Along with providing resources and training for School Resource Officers, the Indiana Attorney General's Office has recently been working to enhance the collaboration between existing teen youth courts and school resource officers.
 - Through this initiative the OAG is hoping to engage school resource officers in becoming actively involved in these programs to reduce recidivism for first-time offenders and to help keep vulnerable youth out of the juvenile delinquent system altogether.
- Additionally, school resource officers would help ensure that teen youth court participants comply with their sentencing requirements.

Partnering with DCS

- Through IPATH – the Office and DCS provide education and training on identifying human trafficking.
- The Office also provides legal counsel and representation for DCS.

National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)

- NAAG was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill the responsibilities of their office.
- Through multi-state collaboration NAAG provides resources to serve the needs of vulnerable children
 - <http://naag.org/>
- See appendix for a *NAAG – State-by-State Resource Guide for states other than Indiana RE: Vulnerable Children*.



Appendix

Report to the Commission on Children

A review of information and data available to Attorney General Gregory F. Zoeller regarding vulnerable youth.

***NAAG -State-by-State Resource Guide for states other than
Indiana RE: Vulnerable Children***

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Alabama

School Safety

Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange reinstated the Attorney General's Safe Schools initiative with a new emphasis on encouraging technological advances to deal with the challenges experienced by today's schools and students. The Attorney General notified Alabama schools of the following:

The issue of ensuring safe schools for our students has never been more important. These awards have previously provided the opportunity to identify and recognize excellence in school safety. With the revitalization of this program, special emphasis will be placed on the use of technology to ensure that our schools are safe. My office will also be available to provide constructive feedback to the nominees on how they might improve their existing school safety plans.

Awards will be presented this fall to a winning school from each of the eight school board districts that has demonstrated an exceptional and safe learning environment.

<http://apmobile.worldnow.com/story/21912712/ags-office-launches-2013-safe-schools-initiative>

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/news/308.pdf>

Alaska

Internet Safety for Children

The Alaska Attorney General joins attorneys general across the country in promoting Internet safety for kids. The Attorney General created a list of ways for children to be safe when using the Internet and the Attorney General website provides a list of Internet safety web sites.

Preventing Youth Suicide

The Attorney General believes that, individually and as a community, we must intensify efforts to eradicate the epidemic of suicide in Alaska, particularly among youth, by ensuring adequate outreach, education, and intervention. Alaska has the highest per capita rate of suicide of any state, and male Alaskan Natives ages 15-24 have the highest suicide rate of any demographic group in the country. The Attorney General provides a list of resource websites to encourage suicide prevention.

<http://law.alaska.gov/department/civil/children.html>

Child Protection

The Child Protection section provides advice and representation to the Department of Health and Social Services Office of Children's Services. Services the section provides to DHSS include advice on child protection statutes and regulations, instituting court actions when children must be removed from abusive or neglectful homes or when court oversight is required, working closely with the Department on legal decision making during the life of the child protection case, and filing petitions to terminate parental rights so that safe, permanent homes for children can be found if reunification is not possible.

<http://www.law.state.ak.us/departments/civil/civil.html#child>

American Samoa

N/A

Arizona

Kid's & Teens' Page

The Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne provides a kids' and teens' web page with special resources and links available for children.

<https://www.azag.gov/kids>

Internet Safety

Protecting children is a "key priority" of the Arizona Attorney General's Office. The Office has a specific focus on the Internet as it is "a place where predators look for ways to exploit and harm children." The website provides a link to Internet safety tips for parents and children. The Attorney General also has a Facebook page that provides tips regarding Internet safety for children.

<https://www.azag.gov/child-and-family/schools>

<https://www.facebook.com/arizonaago>

Arizona's Drug Endangered Children Program

The purpose of the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program is to increase statewide public awareness of the prevalence and dangers of methamphetamine (meth), especially to Arizona's children. Citizens can learn how to protect themselves and others from the dangers associated with home-based meth labs. Professionals working with drug-endangered children can access the calendar of training events and other helpful information posted on the DEC site. This program is also known as the "Meth & Kids Task Force". - <https://www.azag.gov/dec>

Arkansas

Internet Safety

The Arkansas Attorney General's Office has developed Keys to Safety, a comprehensive curriculum, to educate young people about child abduction, runaway issues, Internet safety and cyber bullying. Keys to Safety is aimed at elementary and secondary students. It was developed based on recommendations and input from students, educators, and law-enforcement officials. It is adapted often to keep up with social media and Internet trends as well as technological advances. Keys to Safety provides a common sense approach to teaching young people ways to protect themselves. The program teaches practical methods for accessing help, and it allows students the opportunity to practice assertiveness skills, demonstrate decision-making techniques, and assert protective behaviors.

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/schools-educators-and-communities/keys-to-safety/>

Youth Suicide Prevention

Attorney General Dustin McDaniel has promoted awareness and prevention of youth suicide in Arkansas. The Attorney General's Office has experts that can discuss youth suicide prevention. In fact, employees of the Attorney General's Office typically offer professional in-service training for Arkansas teachers required to obtain knowledge of youth suicide prevention. Additionally, each year the Attorney General sponsors a statewide Child Safety Poster Contest.

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/schools-educators-and-communities/youth-suicide-prevention/>

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/schools-educators-and-communities/child-safety-poster-contest/>

Missing Children Services Program

The Attorney General's Missing Children Services Program serves as an information clearinghouse for reports on Arkansas's missing children and acts as the main point of contact between the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and nonprofit missing children organizations in the state. The program also works closely with families of the missing, law enforcement, social service agencies and clearinghouses in other states. A representative of the Attorney General's Office is available to provide training and technical assistance relating to the program for law enforcement at no cost.

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/children-and-families/missing-children-services-program/>

Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

In light of research indicating the growing drug abuse problem for teenagers in the United States, Attorney General Dustin McDaniel has teamed with federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies to sponsor the "Monitor, Secure, Dispose," program, which encourages Arkansans to safely dispose of their unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

- An April 2013 study found that about one in four American teenagers had used prescription drugs for nonmedical uses. That is up 33 percent from 2008.

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/children-and-families/prescription-drug-abuse-prevention/>

Child Product Safety

The Attorney General's Office also provides a website that has information about recalled child care products that is updated every month.

<http://arkansasag.gov/programs/children-and-families/child-product-safety/>

California

Child Abuse Central Index

The California Attorney General administers the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI), which was created by the Legislature in 1965 as a tool for state and local agencies to help protect the health and safety of California's children.

<http://oag.ca.gov/childabuse>

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's Office has a Children Online section of their website which provides parents and educators with information regarding cyber bullying, social networking, and ways to keep children safe.

<http://oag.ca.gov/cybersafety/children>

Missing Children

The Attorney General's Office also provides a list of missing children on their website.

<http://dojapp.doj.ca.gov/missing/feature.asp?action=child>

Human Trafficking

The Attorney General's Office website provides a human trafficking information hub.

- Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise and is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. After drug trafficking, human trafficking is the world's second most profitable criminal enterprise, a status it shares with illegal arms

trafficking. Like drug and arms trafficking, the United States is one of the top destination countries for trafficking in persons.

<http://oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking>

Sex Offender Registry

The Attorney General's Office is responsible for enforcing Megan's Law, which gives access to information on more than 63,000 persons required to register in California as sex offenders.

<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>

Colorado

Youth Violence Prevention

The Colorado Attorney General's Office youth violence prevention initiative focuses on three areas to help keep children safe: school violence prevention, interagency cooperation, and Safe2Tell.

https://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/youth_violence_prevention

Prescription Drug Abuse Initiative

The Colorado Attorney General's Office prescription drug abuse initiative focuses on drug abuse prevention for adults, as well as children.

- According to the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, nearly 82 percent of people across the county reporting prescription-drug abuse said they obtained the drugs from a friend or relative for free.

https://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/prescription_drugs_abuse

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's Safe Surfing Initiative helps give parents the tools they need to protect their children from predators and inappropriate content online. The website provides resources for children, parents, and teachers.

https://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/safe_surfing

Connecticut

Fatherhood Initiative

The Attorney General is a member of the Fatherhood Initiative, a program designed to encourage participation of fathers in their children's lives, both emotionally and financially. The Children's Trust Fund is offering a program to provide communities with training, technical assistance, and materials to assist fathers to be better parents.

<http://ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?A=2132&Q=295050>

Teen Violence

The Connecticut Attorney General's Office joins other national, state and private agencies in the call to educate young people, girls and boys, about the realities of violent relationships. The Connecticut Attorney General's Office is committed to breaking the pattern of violent relationships, beginning with children and teens. The Office's website provides links to resources for teens and parents.

<http://ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?A=2132&Q=439106>

Child Support

The Attorney General's Office, the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement within the Department of Social Services and Support Enforcement Services within the Judicial Branch all participate in Title IV-D proceedings concerning the establishment, enforcement and modification of child support orders when a party to the proceeding is receiving IV-D support enforcement services. They are also involved in establishing paternity and child support orders for residents of other states and countries who are seeking support from a Connecticut parent under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), which provides for the establishment and enforcement of child support obligations when one of the parties lives outside of Connecticut.

<http://ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?A=2132&Q=294582>

Delaware

Delaware Child Predator Task Force

In 2007, the Delaware Attorney General helped form the Delaware Child Predator Task Force. The Child Predator Task Force is responsible for coordinating online child exploitation investigations and prosecutions throughout Delaware, proactively identifying, arresting, and prosecuting sexual predators who would use technology as a means to target and reach their victims. In October, 2007, the Task Force received a \$250,000 federal grant which it used to enhance its forensic capabilities, facilitate staff training, and develop new state-of-the-art office space. - <http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/crime/childpredator/childpredatorunit.shtml>

Internet Safety

With the help of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Attorney General Biden created an interactive, relatable Internet Safety Presentation that teaches kids about the dangers they face online, how to avoid becoming a victim, and where to turn for help if they are targeted. Since the spring of 2007, Attorney General Biden and his staff have brought this presentation to children and parents up and down the state.

<http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/internetsafety/index.shtml>

District of Columbia

N/A

Florida

Prescription Drug Abuse

Attorney General Pam Bondi is dedicated to fighting prescription drug abuse and closing Florida's "pill mills." When General Bondi learned that infants were being born drug exposed to prescription drugs throughout Florida, she worked closely with the Legislature to create the Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns. Attorney General Pam Bondi fully supports The Medicine Abuse Project and the mission to prevent half a million teens from abusing medicine over the next five years.

- One in six teens has used a prescription medicine that was not prescribed for them.

<http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/CFC9846F8D7790FC85257A10004AE67E>

<http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/50BD9B9CCA91653C85257A80004AFB21>

Human Trafficking

Attorney General Pam Bondi has worked to make Florida a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking. During the 2012 legislative session, she joined Senator Flores and Representative Snyder to advocate legislation that cracks down on human trafficking. Additionally, Attorney General Bondi and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Bailey recently announced a new optional training for Florida law enforcement. The two-hour online training, "Introduction to Human Trafficking," includes an introduction from Attorney General Bondi and equips front-line officers with information to help them recognize and respond to human trafficking.

<http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/AF860EB7606CF92D85257A7D00458CD7>

Georgia

Human Trafficking

Attorney General Sam Olens joined forces with Senator Renee Unterman and Representative Edward Lindsey during his first legislative session as Attorney General to advocate for a stronger human trafficking law in Georgia.

- The average age of entry for victims is 12-14 years old.

<http://law.ga.gov/human-trafficking>

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's Office website provides resources and information for parents and children regarding Internet safety.

<http://law.ga.gov/internet-safety>

Guam

N/A

Hawaii

Child Support Enforcement Agency

The Hawaii State Child Support Enforcement Agency is a division within the Department of the Attorney General. The Agency works in partnership with the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement and other State and local agencies. The primary goal of this Agency is to ensure that children have the ongoing financial support of both parents, by providing a system for payments and disbursements of court-ordered child support.

<http://ag.hawaii.gov/csea/>

Idaho

Internet Safety

In order to help protect children from the dangers of the Internet the Attorney General's Office developed the ProtecTeens Resource Kit. ProtecTeens is a video presentation and resource kit created to educate parents about the potential danger to their children from sexual predators on the Internet. The Attorney General's Office also has the Idaho Internet Crimes Against

Children Task Force. The Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is a statewide coalition of local, state and federal law enforcement and prosecution agencies, focused on apprehending and prosecuting individuals who use the Internet to criminally exploit children.

<http://www.ag.idaho.gov/internetSafety/protectTeens.html>

<http://www.icacidaho.org/index.html>

Illinois

Child Support

The Child Support Enforcement Division of the Attorney General's office works closely with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and other agencies and advocacy organizations to ensure that families throughout the state receive the support they need to raise their children.

<http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/childsupport.html>

Youth Court Association

In 2000, the Illinois Attorney General's Office developed the Illinois Youth Court Association. The Illinois Youth Court Association (IYCA) assists communities in many ways including: developing youth courts; helping to enhance existing youth court programs; and encouraging information sharing among these programs. The IYCA is coordinated by the Office of the Attorney General and is governed by a 17-member Advisory Board comprised of youth court and juvenile justice professionals from across the state.

http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/child_iyca.html

Internet Safety

As a result of the Attorney General's Cyber Safety Summit, the Attorney General created Internet Safety Training Modules to provide schools with the tools they need to fulfill requirements under the Illinois School Code for annual, age appropriate Internet safety instruction to students in grades 3-12. (105 ILCS 5/27-13.3) Each of these age appropriate training modules covers topics facing youth today, including online exploitation, sexting, cyber bullying, and piracy. The modules are divided into three grade level groupings: grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

<http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/internet.html>

Children Products Protection

The Attorney General's Office also provides recent Children's Product Recall Guides.

http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/safe_shopping.html

Indiana – See *August 2013 Report to the Commission on Children: A review of information and data available to Attorney General Gregory F. Zoeller regarding vulnerable youth.*

Iowa

Child Support

The Attorney General's Office maintains a partnership with the Department of Human Services to promote greater awareness of the need to pay child support. The program focuses on the importance of parents staying involved in their child's life both financially and emotionally even when they are not always physically able to be there because of divorce.

http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/raising_child_support/index.html

Kansas

Child Safety Tips

The Kansas Attorney General's Office website provides a child safety tips and resources for parents.

<http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety>

<http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety/netsafe>

Gang Free Kansas

Gang Free Kansas is an initiative of the Kansas Attorney General's Office and many partners across the state whose focus is on law enforcement, criminal justice and improving the lives of young people. The web page has information about what parents and grandparents should look for in a child's behavior that might indicate he or she is either in a gang or is being recruited by gang members.

<http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety/gangfreekansas>

D.A.R.E.

The Kansas Attorney General's Office sponsors and coordinates the statewide DARE program. The DARE program has been present in Kansas for over 25 years. In 1999 the legislature established the coordinator's office as a program in the Attorney General's office. Since then, the efforts have grown to include School Resource Officers and GREAT Officers in addition to

DARE officers. It is a cooperative effort between the three law enforcement programs that includes parents and schools. - <http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety/dare>

Human Trafficking

The Kansas Human Trafficking Advisory Board explores the issues of human trafficking in the state of Kansas. This team of advisors is composed of law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, court personnel, advocates, victims of human trafficking and other pertinent parties who have expertise in this field.

<http://ag.ks.gov/childrens-safety/human-trafficking>

Kentucky

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board

The Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board was created in 1984 by KRS 15.905 for the "coordination and exchange of information on the establishment and maintenance of prevention programs." (KRS 15.920) The Board also oversees the Child Victims Trust Fund (CVTF), a non-profit program that provides local communities with funding for child sexual abuse prevention programs and reimbursement for the portion of child sexual abuse medical exam expenses not covered by Medicaid or private insurance. The Attorney General's Office also staffs the Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse.

- Nationally, rates regarding child victims of rape or sexual assault range from 1.2 to 1.9 children per 1,000.

<http://ag.ky.gov/criminal/victims/csaep/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://ag.ky.gov/criminal/victims/kmccsa/Pages/default.aspx>

Internet Safety

Attorney General Jack Conway is committed to protecting all Kentuckians from internet predators. Whether cyber criminals are preying on senior citizens, stealing the identities of residents, or luring children into dangerous situations, Attorney General Conway works each day with prosecutors and investigators to make sure these perpetrators are brought to justice. The Office of the Attorney General conducts presentations for students, parents, and educators in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

<http://ag.ky.gov/cybersafety/Pages/default.aspx>

Prescription Drug Abuse

Attorney General Conway and his Keep Kentucky Kids Safe program partners travel to middle and high schools across the state to warn kids about the devastating consequences of

prescription pill abuse. They are also urging parents to lock-up and monitor all prescriptions in the home.

- Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows that nearly one-third of people aged 12 and over who used drugs for the first time in 2009 began by using a prescription drug that wasn't prescribed to them.

<http://ag.ky.gov/rxabuse/Pages/default.aspx>

Louisiana

Internet Safety

The Louisiana Attorney General's Office provides the Cyber Safety program. The program includes information and resources for parents to help keep their children safe while using the Internet. The Office is also a part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

<http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=45&catID=0>

<http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=32&catID=0>

School Safety

The Attorney General's Office has a full-time Safe School Coordinator that trains school personnel and law enforcement on crisis prevention and response. The website also provides information and resources for parents and teachers.

<http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=46&catID=0>

Underage Drinking

The Attorney General's Office is a partner in the U Drink, U Drive, U Walk program. The main objective of the program is to increase youth awareness about the dangers of underage drinking and driving. Each year members of the Attorney General's staff conduct regional school trainings and participate in community events. The Attorney General's Office provides U Drink, U Drive, U Walk awareness materials like T-shirts, key rings, pens, book marks, book covers, stickers and cups in order to help students create action plans and implement the program in their communities.

<http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=47&catID=0>

Maine

Internet Safety

The Maine Attorney General, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Education have partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to bring NetSmartz® to Maine to help protect children from online victimization. The goal of the NetSmartz Workshop is to extend the safety awareness of children to prevent victimization and increase self-confidence whenever they go online.

http://www.maine.gov/ag/crime/crimes_we_prosecute/computer_crimes_children.shtml

Maryland

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's WiseBuys for Teens web pages include basic tips on how teens can stay safe on the Internet.

<http://www.oag.state.md.us/children.htm>

Massachusetts

Human Trafficking Task Force

As part of this anti human trafficking law, the Legislature created an interagency task force to address all aspects of human trafficking through policy changes. The task force is charged with addressing Human Trafficking through service development, demand reduction, system change, public awareness, and training. The task force is chaired by Attorney General Martha Coakley and includes state and community agencies. On November 2, 2012, Attorney General Coakley joined Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and a coalition of other Attorneys General in urging Congress to pass an act that would help adequately fund programs to combat human trafficking. A letter sent by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), encourages Congress to pass the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) by the end of the year.

- Because of the nature of the crime, there is no sound methodology to measure the problem; however, experts estimate that 27 million people are trafficked internationally and domestically bringing in \$32 billion dollars annually. It is the second largest and fastest growing black market.

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-attorney-generals-office/community-programs/anti-human-trafficking/>

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's Office website provides children and parents with information and resources regarding how to stay safe while using the Internet and how to prevent cyber bullying.

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-attorney-generals-office/community-programs/cyber-crime-and-internet-safety/for-kids.html>

School Safety

Attorney General Martha Coakley created the Massachusetts School Safety Alliance (MSSA) following her work as Chair of the Massachusetts Commission on Bullying Prevention. The MSSA is part of ongoing efforts to bring together educators from across the Commonwealth and facilitate a dialogue on bullying prevention efforts statewide. It is intended to serve as a forum for educators to share the work they are doing in their schools around bullying education, their challenges, and needed support. Through ongoing communications to educators, the AG's Office is engaging teachers, school counselors, law enforcement professionals and school administrators to support prevention efforts and share resources and best practices.

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/public-safety/neighborhood-safety/schools-and-youth/massachusetts-school-safety-alliance.html>

Michigan

Internet Safety

The Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (Michigan CSI) is an Internet safety education program with customized presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and a community seminar.

http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-18155_48889---,00.html

Human Trafficking

“When I took office in 2011, one of my early initiatives was to establish a special unit to prosecute human traffickers. Since, my office has worked aggressively with law enforcement task forces to ferret out modern day slavers and put an end to their trade in human beings, especially child victims. We also have conducted trainings for law enforcement and prosecutors, and work with community advocates to raise awareness of this despicable crime.”

<http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-60857---,00.html>

Child Support

The Attorney General's Child Support Division was created in 2003 to combat the problem of unpaid child support. The mission of the Child Support Division is to enforce child support orders by prosecuting those individuals who have a history of non-payment and have significant arrearages of at least \$10,000. The Division focuses on those parents who have the ability to pay their court ordered obligation but fail to do so.

http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-18155_34799---,00.html

Minnesota

Student Resources

The Attorney General's Office provides resources and information for students regarding for-profit universities, landlord-tenant issues, student loans, students dealing with credit card debt, scholarship and financial aid scams, preventing cyber bullying, summer employment scams, and spring break scams.

<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/>

Mississippi

Anti-Bullying Campaign

"The anonymity and distance provided by the internet through social networking sites and text messaging on cellular telephones have caused an explosion in the number of incidents of cyber bullying," said Attorney General Jim Hood. "This carries over into the schools in the form of bullying. The psychological impact, particularly among preteen and teenage girls, has led to teen suicide and could have lasting psychological effects on children. Through Fear Stops Here campaign we are trying to educate seventh graders who will lead their school's efforts in the fight against bullying and educate parents of bullied children that there are resources available."

http://agjimhood.com/index.php/sections/families/anti_bullying_campaign

Underage Drinking

Attorney General Jim Hood teamed up with The Federal Trade Commission and The Century Council, a national not-for-profit organization funded by the national leading distillers to launch a public awareness campaign in Mississippi to prevent underage drinking. The initiative called "We Don't Serve Teens," is designed to inform adults that providing underage drinkers with

alcohol is unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible. Attorney General Hood is also launching a statewide radio campaign in efforts to curb the actions of those who do sale or provide teens with alcohol.

http://agjimhood.com/index.php/sections/families/campaign_against_underage_drinking

Youth Services

The Office of the Attorney General is dedicated to improving the lives of Mississippi's youth. The Youth Services Program is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of each child. Prevention efforts continue to reduce juvenile delinquency, truancy, exploitation and child abuse through the creation and promotion of after school programs, mentoring initiatives and training seminars. This office has partnered with many state agencies, as well as, nonprofit organizations to expand the services available to children in need.

The Office of the Attorney General is involved in the following programs:

- Champions for Children
- Youth Patrols
- Do the Write Thing
- Teen Court
- Juvenile Drug Court

http://agjimhood.com/index.php/sections/families/youth_services

Child Desertion Unit

The attorney and staff of the Child Desertion Unit are dedicated to the prosecution of deadbeat parents of Mississippi children. This unit does not represent private individuals in collecting child support but criminally prosecutes deadbeat parents throughout the state for desertion, abandonment and the failure to pay court ordered child support.

http://agjimhood.com/index.php/sections/divisions/child_desertion_unit

Cybercrime Unit

This unit provides comprehensive investigation, prosecution, training, and public awareness on crimes involving the use of a computer and the Internet. Through cooperation with The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Unit investigates Cyber tips and educates the public on crimes against children.

http://agjimhood.com/index.php/sections/divisions/cybercrime_unit

Missouri

N/A

Montana

Children's Justice Center - <https://doj.mt.gov/childrensjustice/>

The Children's Justice Center is an agency-wide initiative at the Montana Department of Justice dedicated to **IMPROVING** how we respond to child victims, **DEVELOPING** state-of-the-art approaches by keeping up with the newest research and, most importantly, **HELPING** child victims recover and move on with their lives. This effort includes many parts:

- **Montana Child Sexual Abuse Response Team (MCSART):** MCSART helps organize teams of professionals who surround a child victim of crime or abuse to ensure the child is treated in a safe, non-victimizing way and that evidence is gathered to bring the child's assailant to justice. MCSART also provides training for professionals around the state to ensure that all Montana's child victims receive the same high level of care and that justice prevails.
- **Montana's Sexual or Violent Offender Registry:** The Sexual or Violent Offender Registry (SVOR) is a searchable, on-line public database of all every person required by law to register with local officials as either a sexual or violent offender. The registry can be searched by name or location and includes maps of offender addresses.
- **Drug Endangered Children (DEC):** The AG has also partnered with DEC in order to intervene on behalf of drug endangered children by rescuing, defending, sheltering, and supporting them. This website serves as a portal where you will find resources for parents and professionals.
 - Intervene[s] on behalf of drug endangered children by rescuing, defending, sheltering and supporting them, with an emphasis on those children exposed to methamphetamine use, production and trafficking.
 - <https://doj.mt.gov/childrensjustice/drug-endangered-children-dec/>

Nebraska

Child Protection

The services provided by the Child Protection Division (CPD) include responding to specific requests for research, trial assistance, trial preparation and sentencing in crimes against children. In addition, the division works to improve communication and coordination of child protection services, first-responders, medical professionals, educators and law enforcement personnel.

http://www.ago.ne.gov/about/child_protection

Nevada

Child Advocacy in Nevada

Nevada's children are Nevada's future and the Attorney General's Office believes young residents deserve a commitment from the State to protect their safety, health and welfare. The Attorney General's Office offers and participates in several state services, programs, and information to keep children safe.

These services include:

- Nevada Children's Advocate and Clearinghouse for Missing Children
- Protection from Sex Offenders
- NV AG brochures and publications
 - Parent's Guide to Internet Safety
 - Sample Rules for Internet Use
 - ABC's of Internet Acronyms
- Internet Safety
 - Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is committed to empowering Nevada families with the knowledge and resources they need to stay safe online.
- Nevada Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
 - The Nevada Alliance for Drug Endangered Children involves professionals and community members who are addressing health risks and psychological needs of children who are exposed to environments where drugs are used, manufactured or distributed. Many Nevada communities have developed multi-agency partnerships to better serve these most vulnerable victims. The ultimate goal is to rescue, defend, shelter and support Nevada's Drug Endangered Children

http://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/Citizen/Child_Advocacy/

Nevada cont.

Victims' Rights

Nevada law provides a victim of a crime many statutory rights that were not traditionally available to them in earlier times. These statutes have several goals in their operation. The first is to keep victims of crime safe from further injury at the hands of the perpetrator or those acting on his behalf. Second, the statutes strive to facilitate a better experience for the victim within the criminal justice system, a system that can be difficult for victims of crime to comprehend. Third, victim rights statutes work to make the victim whole again, to the limited

extent that laws can do that, by allowing for restitution and civil liability by the offender for the injuries caused to the victim.

This link provides code titles with summaries of the victims' rights statutes:

http://childadvocate.nv.gov/VictimRights/The_Rights_of_Victims_of_Crime/

Human Trafficking

Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is deeply committed to combatting human trafficking throughout the state. She is working to raise awareness of the issue, a critical first step in preventing the crime.

http://ag.nv.gov/Human_Trafficking/HT_Home/

Missing and Exploited Children

Nevada partners with a number of state and federal agencies and organizations to accomplish the mission of ensuring that missing children are reunited with their families and to foster reunification and family stability by providing information to parents, children, and children's advocates about the law, court processes, research, and news that pertains to missing children. We also disseminate information about other issues related to families as well, including news, research, and legal issues about child abuse, and information about victims of crime and the rights of victims.

New Hampshire

Internet Crimes Unit

Provide[s] public awareness and educational programs in order to educate schools, children, parents and the community on emerging technology and its impact on today's youth. Additionally, the Attorney General's Office is an affiliate partner of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), and as part of ICAC, it investigates child exploitation cases.

During October 2010, as part of Child Health Month, the Attorney General's Office launched a newly revised Internet Safety Guide. The guide was sent to Middle School students throughout the State of New Hampshire to educate both parents and students on cyber bullying, social networking, online predators, and the misuse of digital images.

<http://www.doj.nh.gov/criminal/internet-crimes/index.htm>

New Jersey

Juvenile Justice Commission

The Commission emphasizes accountability and offers programming that afford young people the opportunity to become independent, productive and law abiding citizens.

<http://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/index.html>

Gang Awareness Initiative

<http://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/gangs.html>

New Mexico

Internet Crimes Against Children

Attorney General Gary K. King is committed to protecting children from cyber predators through his Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit. The ICAC Task Force is a multi-agency network of law enforcement personnel statewide whose mission is to locate, track and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers.

The AG's ICAC Unit has a fully equipped computer lab specifically designed to provide forensic analysis to law enforcement agencies working ICAC cases and special criminal investigations.

Although it's a useful tool, the Internet can provide a cyber-predator easy access to children. ICAC's public education efforts, through the Attorney General's Office, have provided Internet crime prevention training to citizens and youth at community meetings, schools and colleges throughout the state. ICAC helps protect New Mexico's children through education, investigation and prosecution of sexual predators on the Internet.

<http://www.nmag.gov/consumer/investigations/internet-crimes-against-children>

New York

Article: "Spitzer Legislation Prevents All Tobacco Ads Aimed At Children"

<http://www.ag.ny.gov/press-release/spitzer-legislation-prevents-all-tobacco-ads-aimed-children>

Article: "Facebook Privacy and Safety for Children"

<http://www.ag.ny.gov/internet/facebook-privacy-and-safety-children>

North Carolina

Protect Children - <http://www.ncdoj.gov/Protect-Yourself/Protect-Children.aspx>

You can help keep your children safer when they are on the Internet, at school and in your community.

Learn about simple steps you can take, like putting your home computer in a central spot, to protect your children from [Internet dangers](#) like predators and pornography.

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/Top-Issues/Internet-Safety/Protect-Kids-on-the-Internet.aspx>

Learn what you can do to encourage your child's school to put [safety plans](#) in place and get ready for an emergency.

Know more about your community by [signing up to get alerts](#) when sex offenders move nearby or viewing [crime statistics](#) at <http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/7dd6b179-6fa3-4452-a47e-a65869358a0f/2-1-4-View-Crime-Statistics.aspx>

You can also find out how to [protect your child's credit](#), and learn when to second guess [modeling offers](#) aimed at adults and kids.

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/5ec7dfcb-a28e-4b26-92c2-42df5fa0c36e/Freeze-Your-Credit.aspx>

North Dakota

Internet Crimes against Children

<http://www.ag.nd.gov/BCI/ICAC/>

Northern Mariana Islands

N/A

Ohio

Crimes Against Children Initiative

The Ohio Attorney General's Crimes Against Children Initiative helps local authorities investigate and prosecute those who commit crimes against children. Cases involve sexual abuse, child pornography, human trafficking, shaken baby/abusive head trauma, and other offenses. The investigative team at BCI has expertise in undercover online chat, peer-to-peer file sharing, forensic analysis of computers and other technology, and sex offender warrant enforcement. BCI staff also serves on the initiative's Rapid Response Team, which is available

around the clock to jump-start investigations and assist victims. Through the Crimes Against Children Initiative, local authorities can request help with investigations and prosecutions, forensic analysis, training, and technical assistance, equipment loans, and victim advocacy.

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/CrimesAgainstChildren>

Missing Children

Search database along with links and photos of missing children.

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Local-Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Missing-Persons/Missing-Children>

Oklahoma

Child Abuse Statistic at the Victim Services Unit link

Oklahoma ranks 46th in the nation for child abuse fatalities. In 2004, 51 children died from abuse and neglect.

<http://www.oag.state.ok.us/oagweb.nsf/vservices.html>

Oregon

Preventing Youth Substance Abuse

Partners with the Center on Early Adolescence, the Oregon Department of Justice to offer some evidence-based tips for parents to help their children succeed.

http://www.doj.state.or.us/hot_topics/pages/substance_abuse.aspx

Protecting Your Kids From Internet Crimes

http://www.doj.state.or.us/hot_topics/pages/icac.aspx

Pennsylvania

Tools for Kids, Parents & Schools

- Operation Safe Surf for Educators -
<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/kidsparents.aspx?id=1660>
 - Internet Safety Curriculum for Schools
 - Cyber Bullying

- Internet Safety Tips
 - Internet Safety Contract for Elementary School Students
 - Internet Safety Contract for Middle & High School Students
 - OAG Child Predator Unit
- Truth & Choices: Drugs & Alcohol Abuse
 - This program introduces middle and high school students to Shane. A popular kid from a suburban Pennsylvania school, Shane shares this true story of hard choices and near death experiences due to drugs and alcohol. The presentation features interviews with Shane (from prison), his family, law enforcement and the medical community. It's a reality check for all students and will open a unique dialogue about the realities of substance abuse.
 - <http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/kidsparents.aspx?id=235>
 - Stop Gun Violence
 - Many children are affected every day by the harsh realities of gun violence. To begin a conversation with youth and young adults, the OAG, in conjunction with Philadelphia District Attorney and Philadelphia Police Commissioner, has developed a program to help students work through this serious issue and understand the consequences of gun and gang-related choices. It also addresses the seriousness of straw purchasing.
 - <http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/kidsparents.aspx?id=2998>

Puerto Rico

Website is not in English.

Rhode Island

Protect Yourself and Your Children Online - <http://www.riag.ri.gov/internet/index.php>

- Internet Safety for Children
- Internet Safety for Teens
- What Parents Need to Know about the Internet
- What Parents Need to Know about Blogging
- What Parents Need to Know about Sexting
- Tips to Prevent Sexting
- Internet & Cell Phone Use Agreement

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin is urging teens, parents and educators in Rhode Island to learn the signs of dating abuse so that they can prevent it. As part of the national **Love Is Respect** campaign, Attorney General Kilmartin is reaching out online and through social media to help kids recognize the signs of dating abuse.

<http://www.riag.state.ri.us/datingabuse/index.php>
Prescription Drug Abuse

- Where do teens get prescription drugs?
- Why do teens abuse prescription drug abuse?

<http://www.riag.state.ri.us/drugabuse/>

“Txtng & Drivng... It Can Wait”

The statistics are startling: While nearly all teenagers know that texting while driving is dangerous, 43 percent of them admit to sending texts while they drive, and they say that adults set a bad example by texting and driving themselves. To bring greater awareness to the dangers of texting while driving, Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) are teaming up to bring AT&T’s powerful “Txtng & Drivng...It Can Wait” awareness campaign to schools throughout Rhode Island this year.

<http://www.riag.state.ri.us/texting/itcanwait.php/>

South Carolina

Internet Crimes Against Children

<http://www.scag.gov/internet-crimes-against-children>

<http://www.scag.gov/internet-crimes-against-children/south-carolina-icac-task-force-overview>

Youth Mentor Program

As a commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people, the Office of the Attorney General has instituted and broadened the Youth Mentor Program.

<http://www.scag.gov/youth-mentor-program>

South Dakota

Safe Schools

The "Safe Schools" site is a collection of links to other sites which specialize in various aspects of making a school safer. Link topics include Gangs (see below), Bullying & Harassment/Hate Crimes.

<http://atg.sd.gov/Default.aspx?alias=atg.sd.gov/safeschools>

Gangs - <http://atg.sd.gov/safeschools/Welcome/Gangs.aspx> (Links to reports also provided)

Tennessee

N/A

Texas

School Safety

<https://www.oag.state.tx.us/criminal/schoolsafety.shtml>

Teen Page

Links to **How Can I...**

- stay safe online
- get help
- be a leader
- stay out of trouble
- join the OAG

<https://www.oag.state.tx.us/teens/>

Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force

https://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/pdfs/20121912_htr_fin_3.pdf

OAG Report to Legislature Regarding HT-
https://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/pdfs/human_trafficking_2008.pdf

Address Confidentiality Program

Texas has a new program to help victims of family violence, sexual assault, and stalking keep their actual address confidential. The Texas Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), administered by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), provides a substitute post office box address and free mail forwarding service for participants.

<https://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/acp.shtml>

Utah

Internet Safety

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) is a multi-jurisdictional task force that investigates and prosecutes individuals who use the Internet to exploit children. The task force is funded by a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and administered through the Utah Attorney General's Office. The website also includes safety tips for parents, teachers, and children.

- A recent survey revealed that 1 in 5 teens has received an unwanted online request to engage in sexual activities or provide sexual information. One in 4 has been exposed to online pornography.

http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/internet_safety.html

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/kidspage.html>

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/905.html>

Scout Patches

Scouting Crime Prevention Patch - This program enables Boy and Girl Scouts to become actively involved in crime prevention efforts in their community.

Scouts Fighting Drug Abuse Patch - This Boy/Girl Scout patch program has been designed so Boys/Girls can learn about the dangers of drug use, background information about specific drugs, approaches for both prevention and problem situations, and how to find resources in your community.

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/scoutpatch.html>

Prescription Drug Abuse

The Attorney General's Office recently formed the "Utah Pharmaceutical Drug Crime Project" (UPDCP), pairing local police with federal agents as well as Utah State health professionals, to increase awareness and reduce prescription drug abuse.

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/rxdrugs.html>

Gangs

The Attorney General's Office developed the "Not My Kid" program. This program was designed to teach parents, teachers and other adults about the dynamics of gang activity and offer support and resources for those who suspect their child might be involved in a gang.

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/gangs.html>

Polygamy

The Utah Attorney General's Office and the Arizona Attorney General's Office also worked together to produce "The Primer---Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in Polygamous Communities." This manual provides basic information about various polygamous communities that will assist human services professionals, law enforcement officers and others in helping victims from these communities.

<http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/polygamy.html>

Vermont

Internet Safety

<http://www.atg.state.vt.us/issues/consumer-protection/facebook-student-safety-presentation.php>

Virgin Islands

N/A

Virginia

Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the country and is nothing more than modern-day slavery. It is a major priority of my office to educate law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim-witness coordinators how to identify, prosecute, and

prevent human trafficking to rid the commonwealth and the nation of this scourge." - Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli

http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Human_Trafficking/index.html

Gang Prevention

In an effort to combat rising gang activity, the Attorney General's Office worked to push forward tougher laws in the General Assembly and began arming Law Enforcement with the tools necessary to fight gangs.

<http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Gangs/index.html>

Virginia's Anti-Bullying Initiative

<http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Bullying/index.html>

Computer Crime Section

The section's main responsibility is to counter these threats by investigating and prosecuting cybercriminals for offenses under the Virginia Computer Crimes Act, the Virginia identity theft statutes, and the Virginia child exploitation statutes. In addition, the section engages Virginia's citizens through its comprehensive educational programs concerning Internet safety and cyber security. Its members present these programs throughout the Commonwealth to students, teachers, school resource officers, parents, and companies.

<http://www.ag.virginia.gov/CCSWeb/Default.aspx>

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

The Office of the Attorney General, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Virginia State Police, and local law enforcement agencies are working together to participate in this nationwide U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take-Back Day.

http://www.oag.state.va.us/Programs%20and%20Resources/Drug_Take_Back/index.html

Washington

Internet Safety

The Attorney General's Office website provided tips and information for parents and children regarding Internet safety. Additionally, Attorney General Rob McKenna formed the Youth Internet Safety Task Force in August 2007 and charged it with increasing internet safety awareness in Washington state.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/InternetSafety/Teens.aspx>

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/InternetSafety/FamiliesAndEducators.aspx>

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/YISTF.aspx>

LifeSmarts

LifeSmarts is available to all students in grades 9-12 in the state of Washington through an internet-based competition. Students will work with a coach from the Attorney General's Office with a team of four or more students and compete against teams representing other states. The highest scoring internet team will be invited to participate in the national competition.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/lifesmarts.aspx>

Prescription Drug Abuse

Attorney General McKenna uses funds from consumer protection settlements with drug manufacturers—including the makers of OxyContin—to provide grants to promote drug abuse prevention and prescription drug safety.

- According to the Healthy Youth Survey, 12 percent of 12th graders used prescription pain medications to get high in the past 30 days.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/prescriptiondrug.aspx>

School Safety

In September 2007, Attorney General Rob McKenna joined other members of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Task Force on School and Campus Safety in releasing a 14-page report identifying recommendations for changes in laws and educational policies to give students better protection from violence in their schools and on college campuses.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/ProtectingYouth/SchoolSafety.aspx>

Teen Consumer Scrapbook

Teen Consumer Scrapbook is a group of high school students who want to share their consumer knowledge with individuals. All the articles found on the website are written about topics that teenagers are interested in.

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/TeenConsumer/>

Underage Drinking

Attorney General Rob McKenna works with organizations and other government agencies to educate parents and teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

- One in every four 12th graders (26%), almost one in every five 10th graders (19%) and one in every ten 8th graders (10%) reported binge drinking (consumed five or more drinks in a row in the last two weeks).

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/underageddrinking.aspx>

West Virginia

N/A

Wisconsin

Internet Safety

Attorney General Van Hollen launched a public education campaign warning parents of the danger of Internet predators.

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/icac/internet-crimes-against-children>

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us//dci/icac/parents>

Wyoming

Internet Safety

The ICAC Team is located in Cheyenne, WY and is comprised of four DCI Special Agents, one forensic specialist, one Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent and one Federal Bureau of Investigations Agent.

<http://wyomingdci.wyo.gov/dci-operations-section/internet-crimes-against-children-icac>