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Internet Safety & Cyber-bullying: A Primer for All School Staff and Administrators

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Time: 1 Day

Suggested Audience: Teachers, School Counseling Staff, School Nurses and Administrators

Instructor/Trainer: Arthur C. Friedman, Ph.D., LICSW,
National expert on child sexual abuse and exploitation

Using the computer can have serious implications for children, families and educators who are unfamiliar with the potential threats and risks of the Internet. With new social networking opportunities, our youth are vulnerable to a new population of online predators, bullies and stalkers. This one day introductory training is designed to provide an overview of Internet safety and cyber-bullying and includes practical recommendations on how to address these issues with children and their families.

Topics covered will include: "What to do if you suspect cyber-abuse," "How to create a safe-environment for students to report cyber-bullying," and "How to work with students and their families when cyber-abuse is present."

Dr. Friedman has worked in the child welfare field for 30 years and has served as an expert witness to state systems and currently chairs a statewide Task Force that addresses the needs of sexually exploited children and their families. In 2008, Dr. Friedman participated in a national effort to pass a federal law to increase the penalty for child predators, "Masha's Law". He has worked extensively with child victims and their families, and with an expertise in online instructional design, has developed this training as a "primer" for teachers and school administrators.

Participants in this one day training will receive an overview of the Internet and social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc.) with examples of "red flags" that suggest cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking and other behaviors that put youth at risk. Information on Internet access, privacy issues and protections available will also be included. Using case examples and vignettes, participants will learn how to identify behaviors that put children at risk, and the interventions available to families and school personnel.