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CHILD VICTIM OF INTERNET CRIME STATES CHIEF CHIP IS THE ANSWER



"Bill Carl" now 27 is finishing his Masters Degree at the University of Wisconsin; Bill was a long time victim of Internet crime.

This is Bill's story.. One of the papers Bill presented to fulfill his Master's degree looked at Internet crimes and what was not being done to protect our children in the areas he became a victim.

In his paper Bill explains that during the early 80's computers started making their way into homes. Bill found a new friend in the computer and on the Internet. At that time of Bill's life he became hopelessly addicted to the Internet and its many dark corners.

Bill always concealed his internet activities. Bill knew that his parents were practically computer illiterate and thus he took full advantage of that. For years Bill would browse for pornographic material and hang around in Internet chat rooms. He felt that computers were not very good for much else. During this time, Bill spent the majority of his time in chat rooms looking for conversations of interest which would usually end up in a face-to-face meeting.

These chat rooms became his home away from home. Bill would continue this activity for the remaining years into his young adulthood. During this time Bill had met with many people of different genders and ages. Some of these meetings ended up in rape and abuse, yet Bill would still keep coming back to them. These predators knew what buttons to push with Bill and it did not take them very long to get Bill where they wanted him. A few of these abusive relationships became long-term.

It was not until Bill became very physically ill that his parents noticed that something was horribly wrong. Bill began to beg his parents to let him go and see a psychiatrist. During Bill's sessions with the psychiatrist, his family began to learn of what had happened and what was still happening in Bill's life. Thus began the healing process through many psychiatric sessions, clinical therapy, and soul-searching. Although Bill's life was tough and still is at times, he looks back on the events that had happened and feels very fortunate that he is still alive and without a STD.

Bill has reviewed all of the Internet safety programs that he was able to locate. He reported that none of current Internet safety programs worked for various reasons.

After hearing this, one of Bill's classmates told him about Chief Chip and gave him the web address and encouraged him to take a look. After reviewing the Chief Chip web site Bill contacted Matthew Daubert,

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CEO, and Founder of Chief Chip to advise how impressed he was with what the Chief Chip program was doing. Bill said he would be more than happy to speak to anyone on our behalf. Bill continued, "If this program would have been taught when I was young I would never have fallen victim to cyber crime."

* Bill Carl's identity has been concealed to protect his privacy. Original documentation is on file

OJJDP URGES CHIEF CHIP TO LOCATE FUNDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. OJJDP accomplishes its mission by supporting states, local communities, and tribal jurisdictions in their efforts to develop and implement effective programs for juveniles. The Office strives to strengthen the juvenile justice system's efforts to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.



OJJDP Specialist, Angela Parker, in an email states: "This (Chief Chip) seems to be an awesome program you have going here. Please keep up the positive and most needed work. We need more citizens such as yourself to come forward, maintain the grip to keep our children safe in today's era. Again, thanks for all that you do and keep up the good work."

ON-LINE CHECKER GAME TURNS SCARY FOR A NORTH CAROLINA GRANDPARENT

Thinking nothing about the dangers of the Internet, the grandparents granted the request of their grandson to play checkers on-line, something he has done quite often. After periodically checking on their grandson everything seemed to be normal. A closer look sent chills up the grandparents' spines. While their grandson was playing checkers, he was also typing in a small chat box at the bottom of the screen designed for players to converse back and forth about the game. As the grandparents read what was being discussed it, was less than appropriate. The other player was asking all sorts of personal and alluring questions. The grandson, being innocent and unaware, was answering questions including the address he was playing from. The grandparents were horrified and did not know what to do other than to shut off the computer and forbid its use.



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Chief Chip was informed of this situation from the mother of the child playing checkers. The situation was several months old but still very vivid in her mind when she asked what she should do. We walked her through the steps needed to ensure that this did not happen again, and offered to talk to the grandparents assuring them they were not to blame and also advised them shutting off their computer may not be the answer. It is better for their grandson to use the computer at home rather than going to a friend's house who may not have any computer supervision or structured rules.

HOW BAD IS CYBER CRIME AFFECTING CHILDREN? CERTAINLY IT IS NOT THAT BAD, IS IT?

The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has some very interesting statistics on cyber crime and kids.

The survey revealed that many youth are victims of online sexual solicitations:

- Almost one in five (19 percent) of the young Internet users surveyed received an unwanted sexual solicitation in the past year.
- Five percent of the surveyed youth received a distressing sexual solicitation (i.e., the solicitation made them feel very or extremely upset or afraid).
- Three percent of the youth received an aggressive solicitation involving offline contact or attempts or requests for offline contact.
- None of the solicitations led to an actual sexual contact or assault. One-third of the surveyed youth who had received a solicitation were male and two-thirds were female.
- The great majority (77 percent) of the victims were 14 to 17 years old; however, almost one fourth were ages 10 to 13. The younger group reported 37 percent of the distressing solicitations.
- Ninety-seven percent of the solicitors were strangers. According to the youth, adults (age 18 and older) made 24 percent of all solicitations and 34 percent of aggressive solicitations. Juveniles made 48 percent of all solicitations and 48 percent of aggressive solicitations. (The age of the solicitor was unknown in the remaining incidents.) Two-thirds of all solicitations came from males. One quarter of aggressive solicitations came from females.



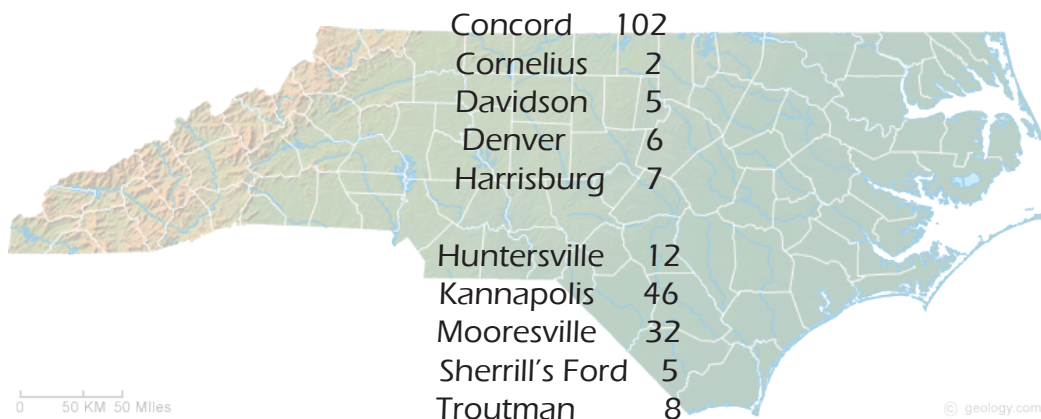
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- Twenty-five percent of the surveyed youth reported unwanted exposures to sexual material.
- Six percent of the youth had experienced distressing exposures (i.e., the exposure made them very or extremely upset).
- Seventy percent of these unwanted solicitations happened when the youth was using a computer at home, and most of the remaining 30 percent happened at someone else's home. Two-thirds of the solicitations took place in chat rooms, and 24 percent were received through Instant Messages (e-mail messages sent and received in real time).

Other facts that we have uncovered on pedophiles and cyber crime:

- 1 pedophile abuses, on an average, 235 children!
- Do you have any known or registered violent sex offenders in your neighborhood?
We researched the communities around Lake Norman, NC.
The numbers of violent sex offenders are listed below, as of 04/25/07



- Presently these 10 neighboring communities have a total of 225 registered sex offenders.
- Where do you live?

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ENDORSES THE CHIEF CHIP CYBER CRIME INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR KIDS

This information is from Optimist International.

Optimist International is meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide. Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects fostering a helping hand to youth. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people.

By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place to live. There are 105,000 individual members who belong to more than 3,200 autonomous Optimist Clubs.

Optimist International enthusiastically gives their endorsement to the Chief Chip program and all of the work we are doing to keep children safe on the Internet.



Note from CEO and Founder, Matthew Daubert:

I personally thank you for taking the time to review this issue of the Chief Chip news letter. The Chief Chip team is working hard every day to develop ways to keep our children safe on the Internet.

If you would like to learn more about the Chief Chip program, or are interested in supporting our program, please feel free to contact me.

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With your help, together we can make the Internet a safer place for everyone.