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Instructing Today's Youth About Being "Safe" in the Land of Social Media

Introduction, Proposed Course

and Objectives

Our objective of this course is to inform students about the potential dangers stemming from using various social media platforms. After course completion, students will be able to distinguish between safe and unsafe technology practices while utilizing various forms of social media, and then actually put that knowledge into practice while using the platforms.

- Unit 1: Identifying Cyber Bullies and Sexual Predators While Using Social Media Platforms
- Unit 2: Where to Go for Help
- Unit 3: Legal Consequences of Unsafe Social Media Practices and Prevention

Unit 1 Lesson

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and Objectives

- Learners will identify various tactics of cyber bullying and sexual solicitation and/or harassment, thus avoiding potentially harmful situations.

Unit 2 Lesson

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- Learners will discern how to ask for help and what resources are available to them when in a bullying or solicitation/harassment situation.

Unit 3 Lesson

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and Objectives

- Learners will identify the legal consequences of unsafe social media practices and will apply safe social media platform practices in the real world

Lesson Presentations

and Closing Thoughts

- Lessons will be presented by use of PowerPoint presentations
- All lessons will have class and group discussions throughout
- Pre-tests and Post-tests will be given to all students for all lessons

It is our hope that after completion of the course, students will be better equipped to handle, or completely avoid, victimization through cyber bullying or sexual harassment/solicitation. It is also our hope that as technology evolves further, students will remain “safe” in the land of social media.