

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

CYBERCRIMES AFFECTING GIRLS

Program Category:	Girl's Issues
Region Specific?	No
Date Developed:	November 2004
Title:	Cybercrimes Affecting Girls
Description:	<p>With the increase in children's use of the internet there has been an increase in sexual predators utilizing this medium to find their victims. What can you do to protect children from on-line predators? If you attended the PA State Convention 2004 this workshop was offered at that time. The presenter was John J. Burfete, Jr. who is the Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Office of Attorney General of Pennsylvania, specifically in the Computer Forensics Section. He was joined by Michele Deery who is an agent that poses as a child in the internet to catch predators. Agent Deery gave the attendees a real-time demonstration of how she surfs on the internet and connects with potential predators.</p> <p>This topic is extremely important to parents or others who know children that utilize the internet. Instant messaging has become commonplace among teenagers and is often a method predators use in their contact of potential victims. If your branch is interested in offering a program in this topic I would direct you to the Computer Forensics Units in either Norristown or Le Moyne, PA. If they are not nearby your branch, their office may be able to give you suggestions as to who you might contact in your community.</p> <p>A fun educational thing you might incorporate into a program would be a little quiz to see how many instant messaging (IM) terms you may or may not be familiar with, for example, POS means "parent over my shoulder" and is often used as a warning to the receiver not to send any information that the sender may not want their parents to see.</p>
Suggested Speaker(s):	Members Attorney General's Office on Computer Forensics Local Law Enforcement Agents
Resources:	Office of the Attorney General of PA Computer Forensics Section 2490 Boulevard of the Generals, Norristown, PA 19403 610-631-6208(T), 610-631-5944 (fax) Computer Forensics Unit 106 Susquehanna Court, Le Moyne, PA 17403 717-712-2023(T), 717-712-1257 (fax) info@attorneygeneral.gov.
Prepared by:	Dot McLane, AAUW-PA Program Vice President
For Further Information Contact:	AAUW-PA Program Vice President