



ITVAP: Keeping Youth Safe Online This Fall

As students head back to school and online activity ramps up, the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP) is highlighting free tools and important awareness resources to help families, educators, and communities keep young people safer online.

A growing threat parents should know about. The FBI is actively working to raise public awareness about violent online networks — commonly referred to as “764” and its many offshoots — that target children through gaming, social media, and messaging apps, coercing them into producing harmful content, self-harm, or exploitation. The FBI has issued open letters to parents and caregivers with warning signs to watch for and steps to take. Families can learn more through the FBI ([fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov)) and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ([missingkids.org](https://www.missingkids.org)). Suspected exploitation can be reported to NCMEC’s CyberTipline (report.cybertip.org or 1-800-THE-LOST) and the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center ([ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov)).

NetSmartz (NCMEC) — celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, NetSmartz offers free, age-appropriate internet safety resources for grades K–12. Its videos, presentations, and tip sheets help parents and trusted adults start important conversations about topics like sextortion, grooming, and healthy online relationships. Explore the resources at missingkids.org/netsmartz.

Sunset Portal (NCVIC) — a new, free service that helps individuals get non-consensual or exploitative images removed from the internet. A valuable complement to tools like Take It Down, it offers help to survivors whose situations fall outside the scope of other removal services. Learn more at sunset.ncvic.org.

ITVAP and its partners across Indiana continue working year-round to prevent exploitation, connect victims with services, and equip communities with the knowledge to recognize and respond to human trafficking. To learn more or request resources, reach out to the ITVAP team.

