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Dear Internet Safety 101 curriculum recipient:

The Internet Safety 101 curriculum completes a multi-year effort by *Enough Is Enough* in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to create an educational program for parents, educators, and law enforcement to protect children from the threats they face across all Internet-enabled devices. Instead of leaving it to children and young people to learn how to protect themselves online, their parents, who must be the first line of defense, can better ensure that their children are safe and able to enjoy the many benefits the Internet has to offer. Furthermore, parents, educators and law enforcement representatives who are knowledgeable about online safety can better help children to take full advantage of Internet safety educational programs.

The 101 curriculum, which includes a DVD teaching series, accompanying workbook, and website, enhances OJJDP's current efforts to protect children from online victimization by offering parents, educators and law enforcement valuable information and resources about the dangers associated with Internet use, as well as steps they can take to reduce them. The four-part DVD is a comprehensive, "plug and play" program with on-screen instructors that harnesses the power of a live safety teaching without the need for trained facilitators. Another important feature of the 101 Program is that it can be used both by law enforcement officers trained in Internet safety and officers who may not have the same level of experience in this subject to expand education efforts in their communities.

Viewers will hear from noted experts in the field, learn of risks from technologies that are not often covered in other Internet safety programs, such as cell phones and gaming devices, and be educated about the entire spectrum of prevention efforts to protect children online. In fact, the Internet

Safety 101 curriculum actively promotes child-focused Internet safety initiatives that fall outside its purview, such as NetSmartz, Web Wise Kids, IKeepSafe and others. In addition, the curriculum includes interviews with young people about the dangers and benefits of the Internet in order to provide adults a clear understanding of what the Internet represents to the children and youth that use it.

It is the sincere hope of OJJDP that as parents, educators, law enforcement and children work together to increase their awareness of potential Internet dangers, the threats associated with those seeking to exploit Internet technology, and the safety solutions to protect children from such threats, fewer instances of online abuse and exploitation of children will result.

Sincerely,

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