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BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

As students are returning to classes, there are valuable guides to utilize to help your families be equipped for online dangers. Check these out:

From Protect Young Eyes, a guide to parental controls for gaming systems, smartphones, tablets, and even smart TVs: <https://www.protectyouneyes.com/parental-controls-every-digital-device>.

Browser news! [AngelQ](#) - the first browser for kids that use AI can be a powerful shield. \$15/month (for iPhone and iPad users). Read a review [here](#).

How it Works:

When a child searches for something inappropriate, AngelQ's AI redirects the content and suggests that a parent would be better able to answer the question, such as when a search for a kissing picture might result in a sea turtle instead.

The platform is designed to inspire curiosity and fuel discovery, acting as a digital docent to help children learn and explore the internet safely.

Also, this summer the Enough is Enough organization released several safety one-page guides to social media, smartphones, gaming and AI (artificial intelligence) with hot links to further info and resources in the online version, but also pdf, printable versions. See <https://internetsafety101.org/safetyguides>. MCAP printed these helpful guides and shared them with the public at our display tables at National Night Out events in Bowie and Gaithersburg, and they were made available at the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties' back-to-school fairs.



The Defend Young Minds organization published a booklet prompting families to consider: [Is My Child Ready for a Smartphone?](#) (available for a donation). Might there be a middle-ground position between total prohibition or allowing unfettered use of one? It starts with communication and thoughtful compromises.

1. Text & call mode for devices

If your child is invited to a gathering, ask the host parent if they have any rules regarding access to digital devices.

If you want to send your child with a phone, put it in **text-and-call-only mode** using parental controls. Let the host parent know. This way, the phone remains a safety tool—not a gateway to unmonitored content.

You can also ask if the host's child's phone can be similarly limited during the visit, so the kids are more focused on play and connection instead of being distracted by phones.

2. Try a basic phone or smartwatch

Instead of a full smartphone, send your child with a **basic flip phone** (they're available!), a [safe phone](#), or a [child-safe smartwatch](#). These devices typically allow only approved contacts and have no internet access—offering peace of mind with fewer risks.

3. Use a shared phone basket

See if the host would be comfortable collecting all phones in a designated basket at the start of the playdate or party. Phones can be accessed if needed but are otherwise off-limits. This encourages kids to focus on face-to-face fun while ensuring devices aren't being used inappropriately.

If you're the host, let the friends' parents know your plans so the kids will be prepared.

Finding a balance isn't always easy, but it's possible—and necessary.

With open dialogue and a few practical tools, we can model responsible parenting and healthy tech habits to create safer, connected environments for our kids.

There is much more on our new website, <https://www.protect-maryland-kids.com/>. Check it out!!

BRIDGING THE GAP: PORN'S NEGATIVE IMPACTS & SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY

FIGHT THE NEW DRUG

LIVE EVENT

10/5/2025 | **FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**
26325 THREE NOTCH ROAD
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659 | **6:30 PM ET**

You and your family are invited to this live event hosted by the Maryland-based “COME TO THE TABLE MINISTRY” on October 5! Come to an age-appropriate and engaging live presentation by Fight the New Drug (FTND).

Fight the New Drug is a non-religious and non-legislative organization that exists to provide individuals the opportunity to make an

informed decision regarding pornography by raising awareness on its harmful effects using only science, facts, and personal accounts.

LIVE PRESENTATION RESULTS

Our presentations have proven to be effective in educating individuals on the harmful effects of porn so they can become empowered to make informed decisions regarding porn for themselves.

To gauge audiences' understanding of the harmful effects of pornography and to help determine the success of each event, Fight the New Drug provides individuals an opportunity to complete a survey before and after live presentations. Over the years, the data collected during our presentations show that, across all demographics, most audience members change their views surrounding pornography after hearing an FTND presentation.

- “PORN CAN BE HARMFUL” 93% of students shifted their response to “agree” after a presentation.
- “PORN CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT MENTAL HEALTH” 93% of students shifted their response to “agree” after a presentation.
- “PORN IS NOT A HEALTHY WAY TO LEARN ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS” 98% of students shifted their response to “agree” after a presentation.
- Did you know— 53% of boys and 39% of girls believe that pornography is a realistic depiction of sex?

For more information about Fight the New Drug—see <https://youtu.be/YnnrHnxHAdA> and view a [FTND Live Presentation Trailer](#). More info, details, and how to register, see <https://www.tableministry.com/events/2-2/>.

GOOD NEWS! Pornhub owner ordered to pay \$5M by the Federal Trade Commission for child sex abuse content: ‘Turned a blind eye’

A stipulated order for permanent injunction was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, requiring Pornhub’s parent company Aylo (formerly known as MindGeek) and its affiliated companies to implement and enforce better policies regarding illicit content on the website. Pornhub has been ordered, among other things, to suspend all content featuring child sex abuse material and nonconsensual material, implement “comprehensive procedures” to stop the publication and dissemination of such materials, have its prevention efforts periodically reviewed by a third party, receive an annual certification on prevention, and improve its privacy security. Aylo has faced lawsuits claiming that the company has made no attempts to verify the identities of underage victims featured in content on its websites, which include videos showing rape and sexual exploitation. Aylo admitted in federal court in 2023 that it had profited from sex trafficking and agreed to a three-year monitoring period as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Justice Department.— from <https://www.christianpost.com/news/>

LEGISLATION ON THE HORIZON

States Consider App-Store Age-Verification Laws - Meta is sparring with Apple and Google over who is responsible as child-safety advocates push for age checks. At least nine states, including Utah and South Carolina, have proposed bills that would require app-store operators to check the ages of users and get parental consent before letting minors download apps. More than 60 child-safety advocates are forming a new coalition to push for passage of app-store age-verification laws nationwide.

IN MEMORIAM

We sadly announce the passing on Sept. 12 of MCAP Hall-of-Famer Eva Murphy, former MCAP President and Legislative Affairs Chair. We owe her so many thanks for her tireless, dedicated efforts to promote decency and help protect children and families. Her obituary can be seen at <https://www.gaschs.com/obituaries/eva-murphy>. She is sorely missed.



ACTION BOX

- ❖ MCAP is in great need of board members and administrative help. **Please** email mcapinc@mcap1.com if you can help.
- ❖ Could your child's school use a speaker to talk about Internet dangers? Contact **Officer Joe Dugan** at joseph.dugan@maryland.gov. Another nationally renowned speaker, **Chris McKenna** of the [Protect Young Eyes](http://ProtectYoungEyes.org) organization is someone MCAP would like to engage. Email us at mcapinc@mcap1.com, if interested.
- ❖ Concerned enough to protest sexualized materials that have been found in local county public school libraries and curricula? See the "Take Back the Classroom" resources from **Capitol Resource Institute**: <https://www.capitolresource.org/>
- ❖ Consider attending or inviting others to attend the "**Bridging the Gap**" event featuring a presentation from Fight the New Drug in Southern Maryland, 6:30 pm, October 5 [see article].
- ❖ We are so grateful to those of you willing to **subscribe and join MCAP** for \$15 annually. [Paypal](https://www.paypal.com) or, with no fee, Zeffy at www.protect-maryland-kids.com/donate are easy ways to do this, or checks can be mailed to MCAP, P.O. Box 2868, Silver Spring, MD 20915-2868.



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