

Table 1. Resources for mental health practitioners for reporting Internet-related crimes to law enforcement agencies

- The CyberTipline: Operated by the National Center for Missing & Exploited

Children, this is a federally funded online reporting center for crimes involving child pornography, child sexual molestation (not in the family), and online enticement of children for sexual acts. Reports are investigated and forwarded to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

- <http://www.cybertipline.org/> or 1-800-843-5678.

- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces: Funded by the federal government and covering most U.S. jurisdictions, they provide resources for investigating Internet-related crimes involving child sexual exploitation. Many also conduct educational programs at schools and for the public.

- <http://www.icactraining.org/>

Education, training and resources related to online victims

- Some conferences usually provide education and training for mental health professionals on topics related to Internet-initiated sex crimes, such as treatment of adolescent victims, vulnerabilities of gay and lesbian youth, and youth pictured in child pornography. Among these are:

- San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, usually held in January

- <http://chadwickcenter.com/conference.htm>

- Dallas Crimes against Children Conference, usually held in August

- <http://www.dcac.org/pages/cacc.aspx>

- Mental health professionals who work with multi-disciplinary teams which include law enforcement may be eligible for training programs run by the:

- ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Program

- <http://www.icactraining.org/>

- American Prosecutors Research Institute's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse

- http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/ncpca/ncpca_home.html

Education, training and resources related to online offenders

- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA): For those who work with or may come into contact with offenders or potential offenders, ATSA conducts an informative annual conference scheduled each autumn.

- <http://www.atsa.com/> .

- The COPINE Project: This website, which originates in Ireland, focuses on child pornography offenders and contains a link to an anonymous self-help website for people who are concerned about their own behavior. It also contains a list of publications, some of which focus on assessment of offenders.

- <http://www.copine.ie/> .

- Stop It Now!: This group runs a confidential help line for people who suspect others, such as family members, of child sexual abuse or are concerned about their own behavior.

- <http://www.stopitnow.com/>

Educational materials for youth Internet users

SafeTeens.com: This site provides timely educational materials and commentary geared to teens

<http://www.safeteens.com/>

Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: Research-based educational materials for teenagers, parents and schools can be downloaded from this site

<http://www.csriu.org/>

Note: This list is not meant to be comprehensive. Other good resources can be found through links in the resources listed and through Internet searches.