

Numbers Now....

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Law Enforcement Program Spotlight: *Internet Crimes Against Children*

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation maintains a unit of personnel trained to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The unit investigates the exploitation of children by the use of technology. Agents also conduct undercover operations and respond to ICAC-related complaints. They do this by utilizing trained agents and computer equipment. The OSBI is the lead agency for the Oklahoma ICAC Task Force, which is part of the National ICAC Task Force. Funding is provided through the Department of Justice. Currently, ICAC partners with many agencies (including district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, and municipal police departments) across Oklahoma to assist in the investigation and prosecution of these cases.

According to Julie Kindle, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, minors' involvement with social networking services (SNS) has risen by 96% within the last year. Harmful interactions that children encounter online include cyber bullying, coercion, pornography, drugs/alcohol, and violence. During the first two months of 2013, the ICAC Unit completed 47 investigations, served 53 search warrants, and made 16 arrests. Investigations included criminal activity related to *child pornography, enticement, and obscenity directed to minors.*

There are many ways to keep your children safe online, including:

- Position the home computer in a way children cannot easily conceal what they are viewing;
- Instruct children to only communicate with people whom they know and trust;
- Instruct children not to post any personal information or pictures that identify schools attended, home addresses, friends, or family;
- Monitor your child's browser history and downloaded files for suspicious content; and
- Install supplementary protection software to maximize security and protection.

For more information about the ICAC Unit, please contact Agent-in-Charge Steve Tanner at steve.tanner@osbi.ok.gov.

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Oklahoma SAC Director to Attend Regional Meeting on Evidence-Based Practices

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) in cooperation with the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA), with support from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, is hosting Regional Meetings to continue the discussion that began during the Executive Session on Evidence-Based Practices for State Criminal Justice Agency Administrators (SAA) and State Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Directors in January.

The one-day regional meetings will focus on strategic planning, evidence-based programs and practices, and other issues of regional interest. Attendees will engage in peer-to-peer discussion concerning the challenges of embedding evidence-based practices in state and local programs and the development of justice information sharing initiatives. Additionally, attendees will discuss challenges related to diminishing resources and potential solutions for addressing those challenges.

The Oklahoma Statistical Analysis Center is housed in the Office of Criminal Justice Statistics at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Staff collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice-related data and research.

The District Attorneys Council is designated as the State Administering Agency for Oklahoma. Agency officials administer several federally-funded criminal justice grants, including the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Justice Assistance Grant-Local Law Enforcement (JAG-LLE), National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP), Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act Grant (Coverdell), Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant (RSAT), Sexual Assault Services Program Grant (SASP), and the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Grant (VAWA).

Upcoming Publications

Oklahoma Crime Victimization
Survey Report, 2011

Crime in Oklahoma, 2012

Arrest-Related Deaths, 2012

State Incident-Based Reporting
System: Coverage Update

Our thoughts go out to all the families and communities affected by the tornadoes in Central Oklahoma and across the Midwest.

Reminder.....

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics can assist you and your agency with statistics for grant applications or any other research requests. Please visit: [www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical Analysis Center](http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical%20Analysis%20Center)

Baker's Dozen

Angie Baker, SAC Director

National Internet Safety Month is observed annually in June. The month is observed to not only highlight the need for parents and educators to teach children how to stay safe online and use online technology responsibly, but also to increase awareness about cyber bullying. The School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey collects data on students and their reports of cyber bullying. Select statistics from the NCVS School Crime Supplement are provided below. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics:

1. In 2009, an estimated six percent of students reported being the victim of cyber bullying;
2. Of those students, three percent reported they received harassing text messages;
3. Of those students, two percent of students reported another student posted negative information about them on the Internet;
4. Of those students, two percent reported they had been the subject of harassing e-mails;
5. Females (four percent) reported being cyber bullied at higher percentages than boys (two percent);
6. Of those students who reported being the victim of cyber bullying, 32% reported the bullying to an adult;
7. A higher percentage of females (38%) than males (23%) reported the bullying to an adult;
8. Sixty-seven percent of students reported they were the victim of cyber bullying “once or twice in the school year”;
9. Seventeen percent of students reported they were the victim of cyber bullying “once or twice a month”;
10. Ten percent of students reported they were the victim of cyber bullying “once or twice a week”;
11. Six percent of students reported they were the victim of cyber bullying “almost every day”; and
12. A lower percentage of students from suburban schools reporting being bullied in 2007 than in 2009. Between 2007 and 2009, no measurable differences were detected in the percentages of students from urban or rural schools who reported being bullied.
13. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2295>

Statistics published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in the Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2011 Report, released February 2012, which can be accessed at <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/iscs11.pdf>

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To collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal justice research to educate and assist law enforcement and the citizens of Oklahoma.