

Belknap County Parents and Professionals Learn About the Dangers of the Internet

LACONIA: Parents and other adults concerned about the threat that the Internet poses for their children attended a free presentation, “Cybercrime: Protecting Children and Youth from the Dangers of the Internet” on Wednesday evening, 6:30pm, April 26th in the new C.A.T. building of NH Community Technical College / Laconia.

Offered by Deputy County Attorney Wayne Coull, this presentation described the risks and dangers youth encounter when using the Internet. Coull shared steps parents and adults can



take to monitor youth Internet activities and discussed how to protect young people from the unexpected dangers of cyberspace activities. He also explained how to report incidents to law enforcement and how to work with Internet service providers.

Deputy County Attorney Wayne Coull discusses the dangers of the internet with parents in Belknap County

According to Coull,

“Approximately “90 percent of children between the ages of 10 and 17 have access to the Internet.” He said that while youth can benefit, there are also “risks of being exposed to inappropriate material and contact by those who may hurt them”.

Deputy Attorney Coull who has been processing felony level crimes for over 10 years, is also a nationally recognized instructor. He teaches for the National District Attorney’s Association, the American Prosecutors Research Institute, and the National Center for the

Prosecution of Child Abuse. One of the courses he teaches specifically focuses on cybercrime.

This free presentation was open to all parents and interested adults. Co-sponsored by UpStream, a Lakes Region United Way program, it was part of the first Belknap County observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 23-29. This last week of April included a series of public information and awareness events supported with funds from the Office for Victims of Crime, US Department of Justice; LRGHealthcare; and the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families. For more information, call 528-3185.

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