## Parental Information and Family Protection Related to the Internet, Social Media, Texting, and More

**Anti Porn** This app is a parental control app whose goal is to prevent access to internet pornography. It allows you to adjust the sensitivity of the filter, create whitelists and blacklists, and filter keywords. Screen captures can also be taken and logged for later view. Additionally, there is an option to control the total amount of time the internet is accessible each day.

**AVG Family Safety** (*iPhone*) AVG Family Safety blocks inappropriate content and malware, and allows you to monitor your child's mobile browsing behavior.

Care4Teen Parental Control (Android) This is a parental control app the provides restrictions for launching applications and aids in safe browsing. Parents can see online real time reports at the care4teen.com website what site their child has visited and to whom their child has communicated with. It also provides GPS monitoring. Reports are also available for apps or games launched, phone calls made, SMS's sent and received, and child's location

*CyberPatrol Parental Controls* This parental control app is designed to block access to objectionable web sites, and provides activity logging and real-time activity monitoring. It also allows you to create different profiles for different age groups with varying sets of restrictions. Blocks can also be placed for violence, pornography, and more.

*Family Cyber Alert* This app is designed to block access to questionable web sites and to monitor online activity. It records every keystroke and maintains separate logs of web sites that are visited, emails sent, files accesses, and instant messages.

*iPad Parental Controls* Parental controls on the iPad allow you to restrict how your child uses the iPad; from disabling the Safari browser to limiting which websites your child can view, to putting an age restriction on the apps downloaded. You can also turn off app downloads completely. You set a 4-digit passcode that is required for setting restrictions. Steps: 1) Go to "Settings" 2) Choose "General" from the left menu 3) Choose "Restrictions" to go into the iPad settings for parental control.

**iWonder Surf** This is a computer application that lets you control and monitor the web sites your child is visiting, how often they go there, and view what they are seeing. Every time they go to a web site it records it and sends a traffic report to you.

*Kids Place* (*Android*) This is an app launcher with parental controls and child lock that protects personal data and restricts kids to apps that you have approved. It also prevents children from downloading new apps, making phone calls, texting, or performing other actions that can cost you money. The timer feature can lock Kids Place after a specified amount of time.

**K9** Web Protection www1.k9webprotection.com (Windows or Mac) K9 allows you to regulate the way your internet connection can be used, to include restricting access time, blocking web sites, and filtering internet access by URL keywords. Additionally, you can also view internet usage history.

**MamaBear** <u>www.mamabearapp.com</u> Mama Bear is a parenting app that allows you to see your kids location on a map, learn when your child makes new friends on Facebook, get alerts to bad language or signs of bullying, discover when your child is tagged in a photo, when they are speeding, etc.

*McAfee Family Protection* (iPhone, iPod touch, iPad) – allows you to apply parental controls for your child's iPhone, Ipod touch, and iPad. This program allows you to register your child's device, enables restrictions to the browser, remotely manage your child's device, review usage reports by time, geographic access, add or remove blocks on internet addresses, view location reports, customize website filters, set additional parental controls, and more.

*MinorMonitor* <u>www.minormonitor.com</u> Help protect your child from online predators, cyberbullying, and other dangers that can happen on Twitter and Facebook. MinorMonitor detects dangerous activity, and monitor your child's messages, activities, friends, and photos in a web dashboard. It also provides alerts on friends with low number of mutual friends, identifies your child's overage friends, and locates and reports questionable content.

My Mobile Watchdog An application that is installed on a cell phone. On its website, you can be given a listing of all activity on a given phone. You can also have alerts set for calls or messages from a specific number.

*Net Nanny (Mac, Android, Smartphone, Tablet)* Net Nanny provides internet filtering for 18 different categories, age-based profiles, Safe Search enforcement, profanity masking, whitelist/blacklist, an app manager, time controls, reports, and email notifications. It also helps parents monitor activities related to social networking through Net Nanny Social.

**Norton Online Family** (PC or Mac) This program allows parental controls for multiple PCs or Macs. It controls/monitors instant messaging, provides e-mail alert on violations, and tracks surfing, searches, and social networking.

**ParentalControlBar** This app is aimed at preventing kids from accessing unauthorized web sites. You provide ParentalControlBar with a list of sites you want blocked. There is also a generic filter for blocking adult content even if a site is not on the blocked list.

**Parent Further "E-Parenting: Social Networking"** <u>www.parentfurther.com/technology-media/online-safety</u> This site provides basic explanations about social networking, and tips/tools for using it safely

**Parent Kit** (*iPhone*, *iPad*, *iPod*) – allows parents to control and schedule what is on their child's iPhone, iPad, and iPod remotely from the parent's device.

**Protecting Our Kids: Keeping Children Safe on the Internet** <a href="http://da.lacounty.gov">http://da.lacounty.gov</a> (look for Protecting Our Kids). This is a downloadable pamphlet the provides important information to parents about how we can protect our children from internet dangers.

**SocialShield** SocialShield tracks all of a child's activity on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Google+, and FormSpring, warning parents when it detects bullying, suspicious friends, or other problems.

**SpectorSoft** <a href="http://www.spectorsoft.com">http://www.spectorsoft.com</a> (Android, Blackberry, Software (eBlaster) designed to allow you to monitor text messages, instant messages, and email messages, see web browsing history, block websites, track locations, copies photos taken, and change settings remotely.

**TextGuard** - An application that you install on your child's cell phone. You log into a website and watch all incoming and outgoing calls, text messages, e-mails, and web browsing history. You can also block any activity to/from a specified phone number.

**TVO-BlockIt** <u>www.safe.truevine.net</u> - provides internet filtering for PC, Mac, iPhone, iPad, Android Phones, and Tablets. True Vine Online (TVO) has provided clean and safe internet to Christian families since 1999. Allows parents to establish parental controls for the family that are flexible according to family needs.

**TXTWatcher** <u>www.txtwatcher.com</u> – Allows parents to monitor phones for text messages and locations; record copies of texts, pictures and locations; translates texting language into English language; alerts you when messages are sent with inappropriate content; review conversations from your web browser.

*Uknowkids.com* www.uknowkids.com (i-Phone, Android)This program automatically pulls all of your child's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram activities so that you can monitor what your child is saying or doing, pictures, etc. It allows for monitoring of social networking, mobile monitoring, has Facebook features, provides Family Locator Tools, and more.

*WebWatcher* www.webwatcher.com (Computer, Smartphone, Tablet) WebWatcher monitors and records all activity invisibly and then send it to your secure web-based account. The information can be viewed remotely from any computer to your secure web. It records email, IM, Websites + searches, keystrokes, Facebook, and takes screenshots with video-like playback.

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