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KarenConna: Welcome all!

KarenConna: Let's begin by sharing a bit about ourselves before we start

KarenConna: Please let us know who you are and what you teach (if applicable)

BJB2 . o O (a reminder also, if you are new to Tapped In, to click on the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and then DETACH.)

KarenConna: I'm Karen....

KarenConna: I'm an educational technology consultant for an Intermediate unit in Pennsylvania

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

JeffC joined the room.

KarenConna: Welcome Jeff, we're introducing ourselves

LoriBu: I'm an instructional technology specialist in Hilton, NY

MelissaRR: I'm Melissa. I am a grad student in PA.

JeffC: I'm an Education Technology Consultant from Forest Grove Oregon. I'm also on Helpdesk here.

LoriBu: I work with teachers and students at the elementary level and was an elementary teacher in my previous life

KarenConna: Our guest speaker tonight is....

KarenConna: Carolyn Walpole Director of Education at iSAFE

KarenConna: Carolyn is new to Tapped In and this is her first official chat

KarenConna: Take it away Carolyn!

MelissaG1 joined the room.

CarolynEW: HI! I have been with i-SAFE for 3 years and was a teacher in Hawaii for 20 years (! ok I'm old!) before that.

KarenConna waves to **MelissaG1**

BillCon joined the room.

CarolynEW: iSAFE has a unique program to empower kids to be safe online

BJB2 waves hi to Bill

KarenConna . o O (Bill's chat client is giving him trouble tonight and he might not be able to respond)

CarolynEW: We also do parent and community outreach - believing that is the only way to really make positive changes

CarolynEW: Is anyone familiar with i-SAFE already?

LoriBu: No, I'm not

KarenConna looks around for raised hands

BJB2 nods...a bit

MelissaRR: nope

CarolynEW: ok -

CarolynEW: I'll give you a quick run down on the basics of the program...

LoriBu: Thanks

KarenConna listens

CarolynEW: and then we'll go to the website

CarolynEW: i-SAFE offers a curriculum for grades K-12 that addresses Internet safety and responsible use issues. And it's free for educators!

CarolynEW: The only requirement is that you attend the professional development workshop – which is also free. This can be done online as well as live.

CarolynEW: This is your tax dollars at work - as well as some funding from private sources

MelissaG1: Jeff tells me I should introduce myself...I'm the "Technology Development Coordinator" for a large k12 school district in Oregon.

KarenConna: Carolyn, can you take the online workshop at any time, or must you schedule it in advance?

CarolynEW: Hi Melissa! i-SAFE is just now getting started in Oregon!

KarenConna: Welcome MellisaG1

CarolynEW: online - anytime....

CarolynEW: The online version – called iLearnOnline - will be unveiled within the next couple of weeks – the format is topic modules.

CarolynEW: The modules take 15 – 20 minutes each to complete on the topics of cyber citizenship, cyber security, online personal safety, cyber predator id, intellectual property, and effective outreach.

HelenK: Also, it is restricted to teachers from the US (I am in Canada)?

KarenConna: The live workshop.....will you travel anywhere? is there a fee involved if you must travel?

CarolynEW: We have trainers who travel (it's free)

CarolynEW: But we try to get people in the area who are already trained to do the workshop - It's train the trainer

CarolynEW: i-SAFE people usually do high-level (state or district trainings)

CarolynEW: As for Canada - lots of interest from there...

KarenConna . o O (I need to talk to Carol about this...might have some interested schools who want the training and an IU for the train the trainers)

LoriBu: So we could just go online and get the training that way?

CarolynEW: Canadians will be able to do the online version

KarenConna: Another question -- is it free to all schools , even non-public schools?

CarolynEW: YES! All schools!

KarenConna jumps up and down!

CarolynEW: I am even working with several Universities to do special pre-service teacher programs

LoriBu smiles - free is good!

KarenConna: FREE is VERY GOOD!

CarolynEW: At conferences - people have a hard time believing when I tell them it's free!

KarenConna understands -- it sounds too good to be true!

CarolynEW: Right now there is an online version - but it is just a video of a workshop. I would wait for the new modules

BillCon: How far out is this funded for?

BJB2 . o O (sort of like Tapped In   )

KarenConna smiles

CarolynEW: We go year to year with Congress - although we have some new avenues there. We have several corporate partners as well.

LoriBu: So this is federally funded?

CarolynEW: yes - with others - Microsoft, RIAA...

CarolynEW: verizon, I don't know them all!

CarolynEW: Micorosoft is helping us do an international version that can be customized/localized

BillCon: Is Digital Rights Management covered?

LoriBu: cool

CarolynEW: yes -

BillCon: I ask because of RIAA involvement

BillCon: Very good.

CarolynEW: Well - we provide an open view for the kids on IP rights

CarolynEW: I think RIA is getting the idea finally that their tactics are not exactly changing behaviors!

CarolynEW: We have a great webcast video for HS kids on IP issues

CarolynEW: We try to get them to think of all the consequences and problems involved and then ask them to come up with equitable solutions...

LoriBu: Great! I think I have some teachers that might need to see that too!

BillCon: How about language delivery? English only or other options.

CarolynEW: We now have the student activity pages and resources in Spanish

CarolynEW: And the webcasts are coming out with subtitles for hearing impaired

CarolynEW: Are you ready to go to the website?

LoriBu: Sure

BillCon: Excellent.

CarolynEW: It's http://www.isafe.org

BillCon: remember control and select site

KarenConna: Remember to hold the control key down before clicking on a link

LoriBu: Thanks, Bill I was just going to ask because I forgot

KarenConna: Also Keep an eye on this chat window

CarolynEW: Take a few moments to look at the home page...

CarolynEW: You will notice that there is a menu bar for the various sections across the upper middle section as well as quick links in the lower right.

CarolynEW: In order to be able to access all pages, you need to "Create an Account" (register) in the upper left corner. I hope once we're finished that you will register with us! You won't need it for our tour

KarenConna: Be sure to keep this chat window visible while we tour the site

CarolynEW: As you can see, we are advertising our newest webcast video – this one is appropriate for middle and high school students on Cyber Harassment/Bullying. This one was hosted at a high school in Vermont.

CarolynEW: The curriculum is available in age-appropriate formats - lots of different things

CarolynEW: We base our curriculum development on current research that demonstrates that kids need to get involved with the teaching and learning process to enable behavior change. In our curriculum kids do activities that help them teach others about internet safety as they themselves learn.

KarenConna: is that tied to the student mentors?

CarolynEW: yes - The student mentor program supports youth who want to do activities and events beyond the classroom – two of the favorite projects are to do assemblies and to teach younger students in the classroom.

KarenConna: nice!

CarolynEW: We provide all the materials and training for kids to do these things. This is also popular for clubs and service learning organizations.

KarenConna: is this also free?

CarolynEW: yes

KarenConna: I have a student service learning organization that could do something like this

CarolynEW: there are a few extra that are not free...

KarenConna . o O (YAC)

BillCon: Who are the primary research groups?

KarenConna: Can you tell us which ones aren't free?

CarolynEW: We have an audio CD for young children - but it is free in wmv format on the curriculum CD

LoriBu: Might be a nice project for an elementary student council

CarolynEW: Yes - student councils are great with this.

CarolynEW: If educators want print curriculum "books" they have to pay cost

CarolynEW: Everything now is provided on CD or DVD - or online

CarolynEW: ok - Bill - research groups?

LoriBu: So the curriculum in not online, but on a CD? Maybe I'm misunderstanding

CarolynEW: If you do the new iLearnOnline modules, you will be able to immediately download materials

LoriBu: And those haven't launched yet, right?

BillCon: What research is the curriculum derived from?

CarolynEW: For others - or if there is a problem downloading you can submit an online Implementation Plan

KarenConna: Are you still with us Becky?

CarolynEW: and receive CDs and DVDs

CarolynEW: We have a development Team that includes various consultants...

CarolynEW: We are going beyond Internet safety awareness with this program

CarolynEW: Let's go to the Calendar of events - you can check out your states...

CarolynEW: Click on the quick link under Join i-SAFE's Mission.

CarolynEW: There is a key to the acronyms near the top. A PDP is a professional development program workshop (training)

CarolynEW: You can pre-register for events on this calendar

CarolynEW: Karen - as for service learning - we have a new set of lesson plans especially for service learning

KarenConna: wonderful. I will check that out.

CarolynEW: As I mentioned before - the key to getting materials from i-SAFE is to fill out the online Implementation Plan (IP) - there is a quick link to it. You must be registered on the website to get to it. The way it works is that you fill out the IP and then materials are automatically sent to you based on the information you give.

KarenConna: where would that be located on the site?

CarolynEW: I'll have to talk to you after the chat

KarenConna nods

CarolynEW: Some of the materials are available without training - Say for instance you want to give a presentation for parents. You would fill out the form and submit it. You would then receive a CD containing the PPT presentation, videos, and supporting documents, etc. You would also receive brochures to hand out. Your event will also appear on the calendar of events, and if you select that it is a public event, people can register for it on our website.

CarolynEW: Is everyone done with the calendar? Questions?

LoriBu: When will the iLearn Online Modules be available?

KarenConna: excellent way to bring parents into the mix -- great opportunity to tie in

CarolynEW: let's take a quick look at the Parents' page - click on Outreach and Parents on the left menu

CarolynEW: Online modules should be up next week!

LoriBu: Great! Thanks!

CarolynEW: They are ready - I am anxious to get them out there!

CarolynEW: We do student surveys - have had more than 200,000 responses

CarolynEW: and the realities of the parent - child digital divide is very evident

CarolynEW: We also do parent surveys...

ElsonL: Perhaps you've already covered this, but does iSafe have resources for local law enforcement? Our district has had to work with local law enforcement on some of these issues.

CarolynEW: Yes - absolutely! NASRO is a big supporter of ours!

CarolynEW: Many schools have their LE officers implement the program - sometimes they do all or just a portion.

CarolynEW: One of the things that we do to keep interest up is to hold student contests

CarolynEW: We will be doing a movie poster contest next month

CarolynEW: We have featured our film contest winners over the last 2 years in a couple of our webcasts...

CarolynEW: Click on the Educators link on the left

CarolynEW: And then click on the Educator Resources

ElsonL: Carolyn, what educational context does iSafe recommend for its modules? Are these meant to be stand-alone lessons, or integrated into an English research paper project, for example?

CarolynEW: Great question!

CarolynEW: We have tried to make them flexible enough so that schools can decide where to integrate them.

CarolynEW: Many schools automatically put them in Computer technology, but..

CarolynEW: my preference would be for most of the lessons to be taught in Social Studies or Language Arts

CarolynEW: An Internet chapter is now being included in the latest ss text books

CarolynEW: The activities lend themselves very well to a creative LA teacher's curriculum

KarenConna: What feedback have you received from the schools who have been using the curriculum?

CarolynEW: Some schools even divide them up between teachers/ topics

CarolynEW: Feedback is overwhelmingly positive - also...

CarolynEW: We have been the topic of a study by the Caliber Group over the last 2 years

KarenConna: Caliber Group?

CarolynEW: The report will be our in a couple of weeks, and we have been previewed that it is very positive too.

CarolynEW: They were awarded a 2 million $ grant to study us!

LoriBu: how many topics/modules are there in the curriculum?

CarolynEW: 5 CORE topics

CarolynEW: cyber community citizenship, cyber security...

KarenConna: I know that cyberbullying is currently a major problem in many schools. What can you tell us about how that is dealt with in your curriculum.

CarolynEW: personal safety, predator ID, and Intellectual property

CarolynEW: CB is included in our community module

SusanR: Do you reach out to Canada, Carolyn?

CarolynEW: We have lesson plans for grades 3 - 8, as well as a new webcast and accompanying lp for grades 6-12

CarolynEW: Yes - I have met many people from Canada who want the program

SusanR: Ontario??

CarolynEW: I believe they will be able to access the new modules - no problem.

CarolynEW: Send me an email afterwards and I will get anyone from Canada coordinated.

CarolynEW: cwalpole@isafe.org

KarenConna . o O (remember that everyone will received a transcript via email after our chat so you'll have a record of links and email addresses)

LoriBu: I'm assuming there will be an obvious link somewhere to the iLearn Online modules once they are launched

CarolynEW: Yes - on the Home page

LoriBu: Great!

KarenConna: Do you know how many schools are currently using iSAFE?

CarolynEW: I would conservatively say 3,000+

CarolynEW: I'm asking my office mates! LOL

CarolynEW: I do think that's a fairly accurate figure though

KarenConna nods

CarolynEW: We are currently having new schools place IPs every day, so it's hard to say

CarolynEW: We have had over 10,000 kids take the pre-assessment survey over the last 3 weeks

KarenConna: wow!

LoriBu nods

KarenConna: What has the parent response been?

BillCon: Is the assessment to get a starting point?

CarolynEW: Parent surveys - about 800 this month

CarolynEW: Yes on the starting point - we are trying to identify trends

KarenConna: Are the parent trainings popular?

CarolynEW: WE are now supported by the National PTA

LoriBu: On the calendar I noticed several in my state that were parent events. Do you usually do PD first before doing Parent events?

BillCon: Great!

KarenConna: Are the survey results available on your site?

CarolynEW: And in some schools it is parents who are getting the program going

CarolynEW: yes - I believe you can see results in the "Newsroom"

KarenConna: thanks

KarenConna: We are approaching the end of our session....

CarolynEW: Yes - Parents usually get involved after - but not always...

LoriBu nods

KarenConna: If you have questions for Carolyn you should ask them now

CarolynEW: I am also happy to correspond with any of you via email

CarolynEW: I appreciate all of you taking the time to check out i-SAFE

KarenConna: Just a reminder....

KarenConna: If you join the SIGTC room, you will get email announcements of all our events.

BillCon: Carolyn Thanks for great info and resource

KarenConna: I would also like to thank Carolyn for giving up her time to speak with us and for sharing this wonderful resource with us

LoriBu: Thanks, Carolyn! I'm definitely going to spend some time exploring the web site

KarenConna: BTW....Mike Russo will be presenting to us next month! Topic is Marco Polo. Be sure to attend

CarolynEW: Thank you all for taking the tour!

KarenConna claps for Carolyn

KarenConna: Wonderful session

CarolynEW: thanks

LoriBu claps too

KarenConna: Visit the SIGTC room for our events dates!

KarenConna: I officially close this session, but you're free to hang around and chat

LoriBu waves good-bye to all

CarolynEW: I hope to see you all again sometime