Attorney General Hector Balderas is committed to protecting children from cyber predators through his Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit. The ICAC Task Force is a multi-agency network of law enforcement personnel statewide whose mission is to locate, track, and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers. The OAG ICAC Unit has a fully equipped computer lab specifically designed to provide forensic analysis to law enforcement agencies working ICAC cases and special criminal investigations.
New Mexico’s Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force was developed in response to the growing problem of cyber enticement and child pornography. Most of the states have established similar ICAC task forces, funded by the US Department of Justice. Working with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, task forces work cooperatively to achieve a common goal – the successful identification, apprehension, and prosecution of child molesters, child pornographers, child pornography collectors or distributors, child abusers, and preferential sexual offenders who target children. In addition, New Mexico’s ICAC Task Force is developing cooperative working agreements with local law enforcement to train them to investigate and prosecute complex cyber cases.

Statewide/National Resources

Agencies >>>

New Mexico Office of the Attorney General
Internet Crimes Against Children
505-717-3500

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Violent Crimes Against Children
505-889-1300

U.S. Attorney’s Office—District of New Mexico
Project Safe Childhood
505-346-7274

Homeland Security Investigations
Child Exploitation Investigations Unit
Laura Moreno
Victim-Assistance Specialist
Laura.moreno@ice.dhs.gov
Investigation Updates

Service Providers >>>

New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department
https://cyfd.org
1-855-622-7474

Office for Victims of Crime—Victim Assistance for New Mexico
505-841-9432

Resources >>>

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - Netsmartz
www.netsmartz.org

Common Sense Media
www.commonsensemedia.org

Send This Instead
www.sendthisinstead.com

Cyberwise
http://www.cyberwise.org/

New Mexico Statute on Child Solicitation

NM Stat § 30-37-3.2

A. Child solicitation by electronic communication device consists of a person knowingly and intentionally soliciting a child under sixteen years of age, by means of an electronic communication device, to engage in sexual intercourse, sexual contact or in a sexual or obscene performance, or to engage in any other sexual conduct when the perpetrator is at least four years older than the child.

Meet Special Agent Joey

Breed: Yellow Labrador
Date of Birth: 09/12/2016
Handler: Special Agent Owen Pena

Cyberbullying Warning Signs

- Noticeable increases or decreases in device use, including texting.
- Exhibiting emotional responses (laughter, anger, upset) to what is happening on their device.
- Hiding their screen or device when others are near, and avoids discussion about what they are doing.
- Social media accounts are shut down or new ones appear.
- Starts to avoid social situations, even those that were enjoyed in the past.
- Becomes withdrawn or depressed, or loses interest in people and activities.

What to do next:
- Notice. Recognize if there has been a change in mood or behavior. Determine if changes happen when child is around a digital device.
- Talk. Ask questions to learn what is happening, how it started, and who is involved.
- Document. Keep a record of what is happening and where.
- Report. To school or app.
- Support. Positive intervention by posting positive comments about person targeted. Reach out to child who is bullying as well as target of bullying.