

Juvenile victimization: Then & Now from Abduction to Seduction

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What we're here to learn:

- Changing aspects of juvenile victimization
(juvenile curiosity, offend sexually or sex offender specialist)
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Best practices in legal, judicial, child protection and law enforcement
- Trends, patterns and recommendations for change

Cases in the News...

- 13-year old female sexually exploited by director Roman Polanski years earlier (now in her thirties)
- 11-year old Jaycee Duguard's abduction in 1991 (now 29 years old)
- 20-year old Dru Sjodin's abduction/murder case with ongoing death-penalty appeals

Cases that DO NOT make the news...

- 15-year old male began online chatting and ended with coercion to flee MN to FL
(online chat for 8 months before leaving)
- 12-year old female accepted a ride to school in the rain by a 26-year old, trusted neighbor
(abducted to FL within hours)
- 16-year old male videotapes “friends with favors” without the knowledge of the 15-year old female and distributes video to the football team
(St. Paul high school)
- 10-year old male sexually touches 1-year old female

Changing aspects....

- Impact of technology and greater access to kids
- Impact of sexualized society
- Impact of 24/7 news coverage of high-profile cases (to attract larger audiences)
- Mobility of kids, earlier maturation & brain development
- Working parents, single-families
- “Canon-shooting-the-mouse” approach

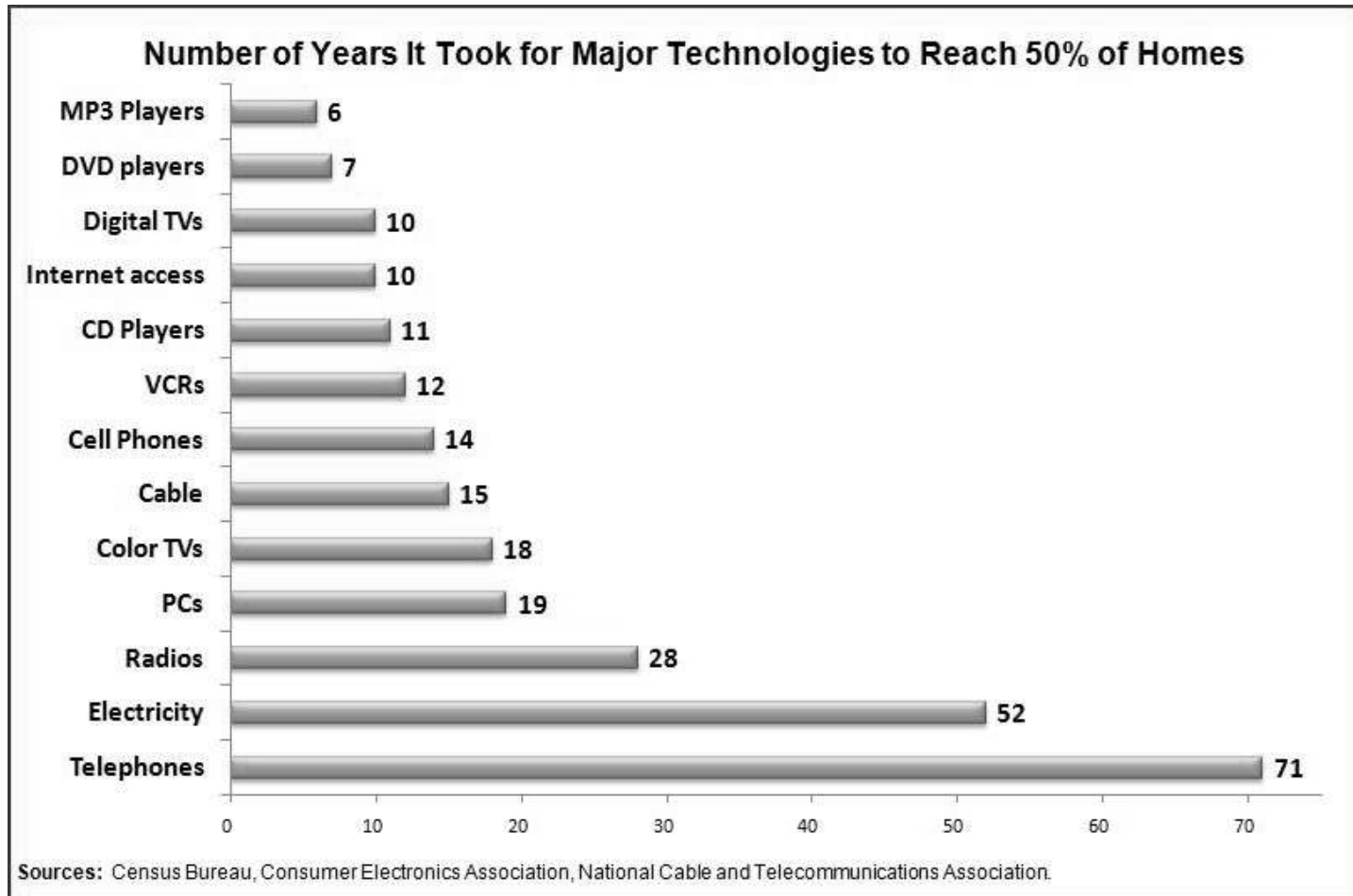
Chainsaws, Corvettes & Youth Safety???



Multi-disciplinary approaches:

- Families and Caregivers
- Schools and Faith Communities
- Public Health, Public Safety, Law enforcement, Child Protection, etc.
- Legal, Judicial and Corrections

How fast are things moving?



What's changing?

- Increasing juvenile on juvenile crimes
(direct-touch and online)
- Increased impact of technology
- Lack of online safety taught within the home and schools
- Life-time consequences not addressed within home or schools
- Fewer resources to address more complex issues

What's changed?

- WHO's harming our kids?
- HOW are they harming our kids?
- WHERE are they harming our kids?
- WHAT can we do to reduce and prevent the number of juvenile victimizations?

Example: “Sexting”: what is it & who’s doing it?



“Sexting” and the Law...

- You could be charged with distribution or manufacture of child pornography. It is illegal to possess, distribute or manufacture pornography involving anyone less than 18 years of age.
- Child Pornography - a visual depiction where it depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene
- A possible sentence for manufacturing and distributing child pornography is 10 years in prison
- Three states have begun charging juveniles as adults distributing child porn

Would you have done...

- Friends with favors?
- Jelly bracelets?
- “Sexting”?
- Online bullying and/or harassment?
- Teen modeling using provocative clothes and/or online sexual activities?
- “Jumped into a gang” by sexually abusing a minor?

Sex Offenders

“Uncharged”, Charged &/or Convicted

(In 2006: 17,000 convicted with an assigned risk level in MN)



“Best Practice” considerations....

- Do we charge out juveniles who do "sexting"?
- Which juvenile sex offenses should be charged out as adults?
- What is the impact to victims in “direct-touch versus online crimes”
- How do we educate the public and policy makers to eliminate the “one-size-fits-all” attitude re: sex offenders?

Recommended Resources & Sources:

- “Failure to Protect” by Eric Janus
- Minnesota Dept of Corrections Proximity Study
- Human Rights Watch Report
- NISMART I & II studies (1990 & 200)
- MN Victim Assistance Academy – sponsored by OJP

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
 - 1-800-843-5678, www.missingkids.com

- Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children
 - MICAC Task Force, **651-793-1061**

- NetSmartz Workshop & Net Lingo
 - www.netsmartz.org
 - www.netlingo.com

- CyberTipline & Net Lingo
 - www.cybertipline.com , 1-800-843-567

Thank you!

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