

## 7 Practical Tips for Parents of Teens

1. Begin conversations early.
2. Stay current with what's trending.
3. Write an acceptable use contract.
4. Occasionally look up your child and see what is posted about them or by them.
5. Teach your teen to set up safe passwords.
6. Teach the basics of using kindness and respect even online.
7. Encourage your kids to report inappropriate behavior.



### Additional Resources:

- SCSafetyNet.com  
<https://icac.scag.gov/>
- TeenSafe  
<https://teensafe.com/>
- Family Online Safety Institute  
<https://www.fosi.org/>
- NetSmartz  
<https://www.netsmartz.org/>  
Home
- Internet Safety 101  
<https://internetsafety101.org>

14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Victims Services Center  
VSC@scsolicitor14.org



## 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Victims Services Center

#DigitalParenting



*Raising kids in today's  
tech-savvy world.....*

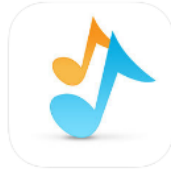
# 12 Apps Every Parent Should Know



ASKfm



GroupMe



HIP



Houseparty



kik  
messenger



LiveMe



Omegle



Vault



WeChat



WhatsApp



Whisper



Yubo

- **AskFM** – encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions. Known for cyber bullying.
- **GroupMe** – used to create group chats & linked to email or phone #; GIFs & emojis have adult themes.
- **HIP** – “**Hide It Pro**”; Appears to be a music app but is for hiding photos & text messages.
- **Houseparty** – allows groups of teens to connect by live video. Screenshots can be taken.
- **kik messenger** – Allows anyone to contact & direct msg. Kids can bypass traditional text msg features.
- **LiveMe** – live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share a video. “Users” can earn “coins” as a way to pay minors for photos.
- **Omegle** – chat site that puts two strangers together in their choice of a text or video chat
- **Vault** – has the ability to hide photos and videos on the phone for storage
- **WeChat** – calling & msg service with a location-sharing feature to find other users in the area.
- **WhatsApp** – msg app with voice ability. Allows user to enter code to “lock” chat.
- **Whisper** – anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. Reveals user’s location so people can “meetup”.
- **Yubo** – Tinder for Teens (13-17) to find new friends by photos & live video stream. App has location tracking built in.

*This project was supported by Federal Formula Grant #1V18058, awarded by the Office of Victims of crime, U.S. Department of Justice through the SC Office of the Attorney General. Any points of view or opinions contained within this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.*