



Center for Child Justice is now a Community Education Partner with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). We are excited to bring this amazing program to Blair County for schools, caregivers, community groups, and organizations.



NetSmartz is NCMEC's internet safety education program. It provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help teach children and teens to be safer online with the goal of helping children to become more aware of potential online risks and empowering them to help prevent victimization by making safer choices on- and offline. The innovative presentations make use of online resources, videos, and expert tips to educate, engage, and empower children and adults to be safer on and offline.

The goals of NetSmartz are to educate children to recognize online risks, encourage children and adults to have a two-way conversation about online safety and digital citizenship, and empower children to report online abuse/exploitation. Kids/teens will learn about a variety of age-appropriate topics with a live presenter who engages them through discussion, quizzes and animated videos.

Equipment Needed:

- Projector (HDMI connection)
- Screen, Television, or Smart Board (HDMI Connection)
- Speakers

About the Presenter:

Richard Servello is the Program Director for the Center for Child Justice, Blair County's Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). He began his career with Family Services Incorporated in 2018 with its Victim Services Program and in January of 2023 was given the opportunity to be the Program Director of the Center for Child Justice. Along with the director role at the CAC he is also a National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) trained forensic interviewer, Community Education Partner with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), a member of the Blair County Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), and a graduate of the Leadership Blair County Class of 2024. He earned a bachelor's degree in Pre-Law/Paralegal Studies from Mount Aloysius College in 2016 and a master's degree in political science from Liberty University in 2019. Recently, he was selected as one of Blair County's Top 20 Under 40. Richard has extensive training and experience in forensic interviewing, domestic and sexual violence advocacy, child abuse response/prevention, human trafficking, and the multidisciplinary approach to handling child abuse cases, as well as non-profit management and marketing.