Youth Online Health and Safety Conference

Hosted by the Stanford Internet Observatory and Social Media Lab with the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing in collaboration with the Biden-Harris Administration’s Kids Online Health & Safety Task Force

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. PT
Schwab Residential Center
Vidalakis Dining Hall
680 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA

Event Agenda

9:00 - 9:15 AM
OPENING REMARKS

- **Jeff Hancock**, Founding Director of the Stanford Social Media Lab, Faculty Director of the Stanford Internet Observatory, and the Harry and Norman Chandler Professor of Communication

- **Alan Davidson**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, U.S. Department of Commerce, Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

- **Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon**, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- **Deirdre K. Mulligan**, Principal Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer and National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office (NAIIO) Director

9:15 - 10:30 AM
YOUTH VOICES FOR A BETTER ONLINE EXPERIENCE

What do teens actually need and experience online? Hear directly from high school and college students who are part of Unwiring and the GoodforMEdia youth peer mentorship program facilitated by the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. These students will discuss their experiences using social media and ideas for how to make improvements.
10:30 - 10:45 AM  COFFEE BREAK

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM  WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: PROMOTING YOUTH ONLINE SAFETY & WELL-BEING

This guided discussion will focus on identifying and addressing the risks and benefits of social media for young users. The open conversation will inform future research and forthcoming industry guidance, policy recommendations and public resources for youth online safety and well-being being developed by the Biden-Harris Administration’s Task Force on Kids Online Health & Safety.

12:00 - 1:00 PM  LUNCH

12:15 - 12:35 PM  FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIRIAM E. DELPHIN-RITTMON & PROFESSOR JEFF HANCOCK

- Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon
  Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

- Jeff Hancock
  Harry and Norman Chandler Professor of Communication

12:35 - 12:55 PM  FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAN DAVIDSON & CHARLOTTE WILLNER

- Alan Davidson
  Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information

- Charlotte Willner
  Executive Director of the Trust & Safety Professional Association

1:00 - 2:00 PM  SAFETY BY DESIGN: EMPOWERING AND PROTECTING YOUNG USERS

What does it look like to develop with youth input and trust and safety best practices within a platform? Trust and safety researchers and psychologists discuss youth research and a framework for design interventions.
2:00 - 2:45 PM  BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

PARENTAL GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES
Facilitated conversation by children's medical and mental health experts on what parents need to know about youth online safety and well-being, and how to share that information with them.

DESIGN INTERVENTIONS: ADDRESSING ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
The most severe online threat to children is sexual exploitation and abuse with rising cases of sextortion, or the threat of blackmail to post or send sexual images of a victim to their family or friends. How is the technology industry addressing this abuse and what can be done to improve detection and enforcement?

2:45 - 3:00 PM  COFFEE BREAK

3:00 - 3:45 PM  BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

PRIVACY AND AGE ASSURANCE
Age estimation technology would play an important role in many legislative proposals for children's online safety with some advocates raising concerns about the privacy of all internet users. Facilitators will provide an overview of different age estimation methods and privacy risks with conversation on best practices to protect all users online.

PUBLIC POLICY FOR ONLINE SAFETY & WELL-BEING
Despite broad, bipartisan concern about children's online safety and well-being there has been a failure to find consensus on how regulation should address the problem. How can legislation and other policy efforts support positive online experiences for young people while addressing real risks to their health and safety?

3:45 - 4:45 PM  STATE OF THE INDUSTRY: ONLINE TRUST & SAFETY
Online trust and safety is a rapidly maturing professional field facing significant layoffs and mounting political and public pressure. Panelists will discuss the current trust and safety industry landscape and explore strategies to encourage industry investment and collaboration.

4:45 - 5:00 PM  CLOSING REMARKS