



## Alaska Distance Education Consortium

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### “Staying Connected” – Internet Safety workshop for Parents

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**Anchorage, AK** – Parents will find a wide array of resources to help them stay connected with their children’s digital lives at the Alaska Distance Education Consortium’s Internet Safety event this Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hotel Captain Cook from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Denny Shaw, Chief Operations Officer for i-Safe, a leader in Internet Safety education, will present the i-Parent Program at 3:00pm.

“Parents can be the key to safe and rewarding online experiences for the whole family. i-SAFE helps educate parents about hazards in cyberspace, and gives them opportunities to spread this valuable information within their communities.”

Rich Greenfield, Executive Director of AkDEC, believes that “we can’t offer this type of information too often” and would like to see AkDEC update the workshop annually to lessen the digital divide between parents and children. The workshop will offer information on social networking (MySpace, Facebook, blogging, etc.), cyber bullying, identity theft and computer protection.

The workshop is being held in conjunction with the Alaska Society for Technology in Education conference which kicks off Sunday night. ASTE participants will be at the Hotel Captain Cook for pre-conference sessions through the weekend and Mr. Greenfield hopes they will carry the Internet Safety materials to their school districts all over the state.

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The Alaska Distance Education Consortium (AkDEC) <http://www.akdec.org>, was established in 2000 to develop, coordinate, and expand both distance education opportunities and Alaska’s information technology infrastructure, including the Ak20 Network. AkDEC supports the roles of educators, telecommunication companies, community organizations, government agencies and other stakeholders in meeting the needs identified by Members.

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i-SAFE Inc. <http://www.isafe.org/>, founded in 1998 and endorsed by the U.S. Congress, is a non-profit foundation dedicated to protecting the online experiences of youth everywhere. i-SAFE incorporates classroom curriculum with dynamic community outreach to empower students, teachers, parents, law enforcement, and concerned adults to make the Internet a safer place.