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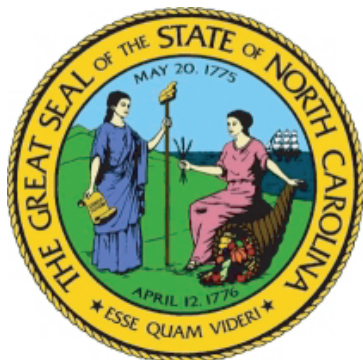
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# Chief Chip Newsletter

The last few months have been very exciting for Chief Chip! The North Carolina Legislator has shown interest in the project as well as inviting the Chief Chip staff to address their committees that are trying to come up with a solution for cyber crime.



## Chief Chip Hits the NC Legislature



On January 9th a "town hall" meeting was hosted by a North Carolina Legislator's committee which would be constructing bills dealing with pedophiles. Two staff members, Sandra Sparks, Director of Education and Counseling, and Gwyn Costner, Education and Counseling, for Chief Chip attended. During the question and answer session Ms Sparks introduced Chief Chip's program and asked several question concerning pending legislation. After the meeting individuals from law enforcement, educators, parents and legislators all swarmed around asking for more information and being asked to be kept in the loop in finding out developments about the Chief Chip project. Karen Ray, Co-Chair of the committee later tried to locate Ms Sparks for more information unfortunately she had lost her business card. Also in attendance on the committee Rep. Julia Howard, Rep. Tom Goforth, Co-Chair, Rep. Tim Spear and Rep. Joe Kiser, and Cynthia Boyd, NC Counselor's Liaison to the Legislator.

Being a retired counselor and working with Chief Chip, Ms Sparks is an active member of several counseling and educational professional organizations. The NC School Counselor Association organizes an annual legislation day each year. With the interest shown at the town meeting we decided to attend the legislation day as well as setting up a one on one meeting with several of the legislators.

On February 8th Ms Sparks and Ms Costner met with numerous Representatives and Senators in one on one meetings discussing our Chief Chip Cyber Crime Intervention Program. Each member received a packet of information and expressed great support and interest in the program. It was at this time that Ms Sparks found out that Rep. Ray had been trying to reach her concerning a need for more information on Chief Chip. Also Senator Walter Dalton, Co-Chair of the Education Oversight Committee, would be meeting with Roy Cooper, NC Attorney General, on writing a bill concerning children and cyber crime. Senator Dalton's committee would be meeting in the near future and he expressed he would be greatly interested in Chief Chip input.

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### Chief Chip in Action on MySpace!



In the first part of February, 2007 we received a call from Diane Smith a friend and realtor that is helping us locate a facility that will house Chief Chip LLC. During the search Diane had asked several questions about the project as well as being presented information on all three sections of Chief Chip LLC. Diane as with everyone who reviews the project was quite impressed with the project and it's potential.

During her call Diane advised us of a client, we will call her "Mary" has a problem concerning her son and My Space. Here is what happened; coming home early from work Mary and her son (Alex) were home alone. The phone rang and Mary picked up the phone. On the phone was an older man that was asking for her son. Thinking it was one of his teachers or coaches Mary informed her son about the call. Mary could tell right way from the look her son gave her that something was wrong. Mary got back on the phone and asked the caller how he knew her son. The caller said that he had met him on myspace.com and has been talking regularly with him. With this Mary hung up the phone and confronted her son. Her son did admit to having a My Space web site but did not say much else. Mary was very concerned but did not want to startle her son so she dropped it. Mary contacted her husband who thought it was probably nothing and they should just drop it.

Mary was still very concerned, they were in the middle of moving and her son still walks home from school alone and is alone for almost two hours before anyone else come home. Mary expressed her concern and communicated them to Diane. Diane immediately contacted me because of the knowledge she had with the work we do through Chief Chip.

I was filled in on all of the details. I advised them to immediately contact the police department and inform them what was happening. I also advised them to ask for extra patrols in the area when Alex was home alone. I then started an investigation to help law enforcement as well as the parents.

I located Alex's My Space web site and created a profile of the site listing all of the people who were listed as friends and were individually trying to contact Alex. I provided all of the pertinent information to Mary in a 3 page report as well as making the following recommendations:



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- Review everyone I have listed in the report and let me know who she knows and does not know.
- Report to the police department if they only take the report and do not want to go any further. Please refer them to me so we can help them with their efforts.
- Provide me the phone number that tried to contact Alex. With that we can find out who owns the number, where they are located and run a criminal and known sex offender check.
- Start a forensic investigation on Alex's personal cell phone as well as on the computer he uses to let the parents know what has been going on. We would be building a court ready report for law enforcement to prosecute any violations of the law that are uncovered.



Mary was very appreciative of all of the information and suggestions we provided to her. Unfortunately her husband did not want to pursue the matter any farther and did not want to call the police until something "more" happened.

This is exactly why Chief Chip was created. When funding is in place it will allow Chief Chip to do three vital things for Mary and her family as well as literally hundreds of thousands of families across the nation. The three ways Chief Chip will be able to help are:

First: Chief Chip Education Section: Teach Alex from kindergarten through twelfth grade the dangers of the Internet as well as the positive things about the Internet. Watch out for who to report information to if something happens. Teach educators, counselors and law enforcement how to present the Chief Chip program and things to watch for while interacting with children about the Internet.

Second: Chief Chip Parent Section: Keep parents informed on what is happening on the Internet. Insure they should not wait until something else happens and not to be embarrassed to contact law enforcement. Help with computer skills and where to locate information on a computer if they feel something seems to be wrong. Contact on how to talk to their children about the Internet dangers. Direct on how to be involved with the online "neighborhood" watch program. Let them warn other parents and law enforcement of what is occurring. Create digitally a protection grid for parents that are experiencing or who will experience the same potential dangers to their children.

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Third: Chief Chip Law Enforcement section: Provide tools and information on cyber crime investigations. Link the investigating agency to other departments who may be working a similar case with the same list of suspects. Help if needed as well as provide on-line training information available 24 hours a day.

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These are some of the things Chief Chip LLC has been doing lately. This also demonstrates the need for Chief Chip Cyber Crime Intervention Program. With help from investors we will be able to get the project up and running and expand the program to truly make a difference to help countless children and families daily.

**Thanks for reading our Newsletter!  
See you next time...**

