

## Teaching kids about legal dangers online



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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.- The Public Defender's Office is offering a free program for kids to teach them about the legal dangers online.

"Our goal is to have fewer clients and keep people from moving through the criminal justice system. Starting to educate the kids is a priority," said Public Defender Matt Shirk.

The Public Defender's Office used actual cases to figure out what kids needed to learn. The presentation focuses on Cyber bullying, downloading illegal music, and sexting.

Krista Gillespie and Michelle Barki gave the first presentation at a camp called Upward Bound this week.

"They were shocked to realize how much is accessible. How much information is out there that a complete stranger can access," said Gillespie.

Educators interested in the program should call the Public Defender's Office at 630-1440.

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