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Presentations to schools that are offered by the Illinois Attorney General's Office cover various topics intended to educate youth on how to stay safe when using

technology. Each presentation is tailored to the age group. Topics discussed are empathy and kindness when addressing

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## A Look Into PILI's Legal Prep Community Law Clinic

BY BRENT PAGE

Each year, tens of thousands of Illinoisans have a legal problem but are not able to afford a lawyer to help them. Many of these problems are serious and need to be

solved in order to keep a family housed, fed, healthy and safe. At the Public Interest Law Initiative, or PILI, we work with lawyers, law schools and the courts to increase pro

bono legal services across Illinois. Those who volunteer their time and talent—pro bono lawyers and legal professionals—

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others online, cyberbullying, being smart about privacy and social media posts, the impact of one's digital footprint on future opportunities and more. The importance of identifying trusted adults is emphasized, in the event a child needs to talk to a trusted person about something they witnessed or experienced online. Sexting, online enticement, sextortion, and other risks (as well as resources for reporting) are addressed in age-appropriate language. Presentations are interactive and also include short video clips provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Netsmartz or Common Sense Media. The presentations conclude with a review of important online safety rules, along with encouragement to act responsibly, support others, and take a leadership role by setting a good example and sharing safety knowledge.

Presentations are also available for parent and community events or staff in-services. These presentations keep adults updated on technology trends among the youth as well as current risks and reporting resources.

For access to the attorney general website where further information is available as to how to recognize, understand, respond to, and cope with cyberbullying and internet safety issues that are geared for kids, teens, parents, and teachers, click on [www.ebully411.com](http://www.ebully411.com). There you will also find out how to access the E-Info Hotline as well as a speaker request form with instructions for completing and submitting the form if a school or other venue desires to have a speaker give a presentation on e-bullying and internet safety. ■

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provide invaluable service to someone for free when they otherwise could not afford a lawyer.

A few years ago, PILI heard about a new legal-themed charter high school, Legal Prep Charter Academy, opening in the West Garfield Park area of Chicago. PILI was especially attracted to Legal Prep Charter Academy's goal of introducing the law and the possibility of a legal career to high school students from diverse backgrounds. PILI thought this would be a perfect site for a legal clinic. Chicago Volunteer Legal

Services, or CVLS, hosts legal clinics in the evenings and weekends at community organizations and churches, where people come to talk with a volunteer lawyer about their legal problem. CVLS helps train and support volunteers at the clinic.

In 2015, PILI partnered with CVLS and Legal Prep to launch the Legal Prep Community Law Clinic. The neighborhood clinic runs once a month. Although we mostly see clients from the Garfield Park neighborhood, some clients travel longer distances for the opportunity to speak with

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a lawyer. PILI helps find volunteers for the clinic, Legal Prep staff helps spread the word about the clinic and with logistics on the evening of the clinic, and CVLS sends clients to the clinic and helps support lawyers after the clinic. Typically, a Chicago law firm “adopts” a clinic each month and sends volunteers to that clinic.

Each month, approximately five volunteer lawyers meet with five clients to address a range of legal issues. One client may want to talk to a lawyer about adopting a child, another client may have problems with their apartment not being safe, and another may have questions regarding an inheritance. Some clients may just need advice or help filling out paperwork that night, but others

may have a case that could last a year or more. We interview all the clients, try to answer any questions they have that night, and then see if they may need additional long-term support from a volunteer lawyer going forward. Interviews usually take between 30 minutes to an hour.

Through this community-based legal clinic, volunteers help support the families of Legal Prep students as well as neighbors in the Garfield Park area. There are a lot of people who need but are not able to find legal assistance and this clinic is one way to help fill that need.

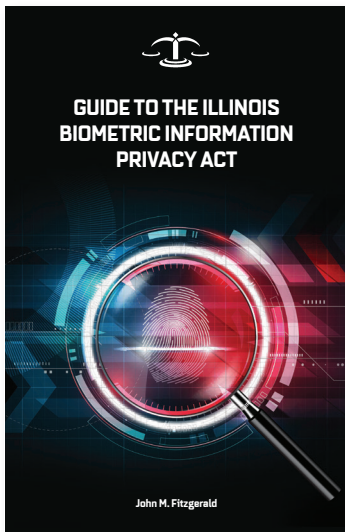
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