

Pure Truth for Parents

Take Home Tools

GENERATION APP

Parenting in a Digital

Because we know today's world is a fantastic, beautiful, terrifying, and intimidating place to raise children, we want to send you home with some helpful tools. Learning about the dangers of our kids' online environments and digital access is great - being aware of what's out there is half the battle – but without tools in hand, it can be a formidable task to come up with a game plan to help your kids navigate their digital world.

iParent.tv

iParent's motto is "Parenting is tough. Tech shouldn't be" and we completely agree with that. There are a number of valuable resources available to parents to help sort through the different apps, websites, blogs, etc that your child might encounter online. iParent is a free resource - one we can count on to give us valuable, updated and reliable info. So, what IS iParent?

X3 WATCH

X3Watch is internet accountability software. The plans range from \$25/yr to \$65/yr. Simply install the software on all the devices your kids use – desktops, laptops, smart phones, and tablets. X3Watch runs in the background to monitor internet activity, evaluate content in real time, making

sure only the good stuff gets through. It also sends you regular reports and email notifications. They also make it easy by allowing parents to manage every device on one simple account. Go to https://x3watch.com for more info

Watch

According to iParent.tv, if your kids are awake, they're probably on a device that connects them to the digital world – "a smartphone, sitting in front of a smart TV, downloading apps or posting to social networks – and most likely, you have no idea what they're doing. iParent.tv is an online resource that features hundreds of videos and posts from a parent's perspective to keep parents in the loop

on all the latest tech fads that your kids might or might not be into. If it's online, it's on iParent.tv"

To sign up for their resources, videos and updates, simply go to www.iparent.tv and enter your email information.



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COVENANT EYES

Internet filtering that promotes accountability. According to Covenant Eyes, "one of the best way to change or avoid bad online habits is with the help of relationships, accountability, transparency and healthy conversations." Covenant Eyes has been providing filtering to thousands of individuals, families and organizations. Covenant Eyes promotes accountability by enabling users to send reports of their internet activity to a trusted friend, family member or mentor. Pricing starts at \$10.99/month. For more information, visit their website at www.covenanteyes.com



MOBICIP

The premiere version protects up to five devices for one year for \$39.99, working across pretty much any platform, including Windows and Mac computers, plus Android and iOS devices. Mobicip provides filtering and blocking, time management, monitoring and reporting. It is also allows for monitoring and filtering youtbube. To find out more, visit their website at www.mobicip.com



NETNANNY

Net Nanny's Family Protection Pass costs \$59.99 per year for up to five devices, \$89.99 per year for up to ten devices, and \$119.99 for up to fifteen devices. The software is usable on Windows, Android, Mac, and iOS devices. Net Nanny has long been the gold standard in online protection, and the current version is no exception. It offers superb filtering and blocking, excellent time management, and very good monitoring and reporting features – all of which are easily adjustable. This product works well for all age groups. Visit www.netnanny.com for more details or to sign up.



CULTURE TRANSLATOR

The Culture Translator from axis allows parents to gain insight into how pop culture, media and technology are influencing their students. Each week, parents receive an update about what's going on in pop culture, movies, music, technology and more. Find out what it really means when your student gets a text inviting them over to "Netflix and Chill," what "mooning" really means these days and more. Sign up for free at https://axis.org/ct/



CIRCLE WITH DISNEY

There was a lot of hype around Disney Circle when it first came out, and for families with younger children this is still a viable option. Because it's a router, rather than a download, it works with all devices. Basically, it replaces your home's traditional internet and Wi-Fi router, letting you manage both wired and wireless devices. Circle might prove useful as a secondary protection, but as a primary defense they are unlikely to help, as older kids can simply take their device to another Wi-Fi location and use it there. Circle costs \$99.



