



For Immediate Release
Jan. 10, 2012

Media Contact: Molly O'Reilly
Phone: 614.644.0194
E-mail: Molly.O'Reilly@das.state.oh.us

Ohio youth invited to participate in cyber security poster contest

COLUMBUS – Ohio youth in grades kindergarten through 12 are invited to participate in the State of Ohio's Kids Safe Online poster contest. The contest, sponsored by the Office of Information Security and Privacy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, is part of a national contest held in collaboration with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center to promote safe and secure Internet usage among young people.

Spreading the message about safe online behavior has never been more important. The majority of our youth are online, and the risks for cyber bullying, identify theft and other serious incidents among children is increasing.

The top three winning posters from each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be submitted to The Multi-State Cyber Security Awareness Calendar Contest. The winning posters from the Multi-State Cyber Security Awareness Calendar Contest will be displayed in the 2013 National Cyber Security Calendar and also may be used in campaigns to raise awareness among youth about Internet and computer safety.

For more information, official rules and the entry form, go to www.InfoSec.Ohio.gov and click on Kids Safe Online 2012 Poster Contest.

The deadline for poster art and entry forms is midnight Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012. Late entries will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Rick Shipley, IT risk manager with the Office of Information Security & Privacy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, at 614.995.7632 or Rick.Shipley@Ohio.gov.