

**Parents and guardians,**

*Are you a parent or guardian of school age children/teens?*

*Is your student(s) quicker with technology than you?*

*Are you children safe online?*

*Do you believe we live in a safe community?*

*If you answered yes to any of these questions, this event is for you!*

*Pickford's Cybersecurity Class is hosting an evening of information and enrichment for parents/guardians in our community. We are combing two great events, Chipewa County Sheriff's Office with MSU Extension partner to bring their insight on "EUP Hidden In Plain Sight" mobile drug prevention trailer and the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the National Center for missing and exploited children, to present, iGuardian.*

*This will be an informational session on the safety and truth of online activities. You will leave with a better understanding of how students interact online, what to look for, and what you can do if a situation should arise. This is the parent side of the students session that was presented at school earlier this month.*

**When: Dec. 13 @ 6:30 pm**

**Where: Pickford High School**

**Coffee and desserts will be available**

## Project iGuardian 2021

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a woman in a dark suit and sunglasses, holding a yellow badge. The text 'HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS' is at the top left, and 'iGUARDIAN S™' is in large green letters. The ICE logo is at the bottom left, and a QR code is at the bottom right. The background is a dark, textured green.

HSI is committed to combatting the sexual exploitation of children; as such, investigations of child sexual exploitation are among HSI's primary investigative priorities. The sexual abuse of children impacts the most vulnerable segment of our society.

HSI recognizes the importance of education and community awareness regarding the dangers of online activity. Project iGuardian aims to counter a disturbing fact: many online child predators are able to find victims online because children are not aware of how dangerous online environments can be. HSI believes that providing children, teens, parents and teachers with information regarding the dangers of online environments and how to stay safe online can help prevent many instances of this crime. That is why HSI has partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's NetSmartz and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces to develop Project iGuardian. Join us and help us protect our children.



**As a parent you're the most powerful influence in your child's life...**

The mission of the "EUP Hidden in Plain Sight Project" is to bring awareness and education about current trends in youth substance misuse, to the communities of Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties.

*Thank you sponsors!*

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EUP HIPS experience

**LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING**

BUT WE'RE HERE, ILLUMINATING AWARENESS FOR PARENTS...

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### VOLUNTEER

The EUP Hidden in Plain Sight Project is dependent on volunteers. Whether that looks like being a part of our planning group, or being a volunteer with the trailer for events to walk parents through the experience.

### FINANCIAL

EUP Hidden in Plain Sight is a product of many generous contributions from our sponsors. However, funds will be needed to keep this program running and any and all donations are welcome.

### COMMUNITY PARTNER

If you or your agency is interested in being a long term partner with the EUP HIPS Project please contact Maggie Merchberger for more information.

## WHAT WE OFFER

### TRAILER SERVICES

This trailer is an interactive display program that offers adult insights into current trends in youth substance misuse, drug paraphernalia, and concealment of illicit drugs and alcohol.

### EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Our trailer is fully stocked with educational materials for parents or community members who work with youth. Topics from underage drinking, vaping, or other drugs, as well as tips on how to talk to your children.

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Adults interested in being a part of our volunteer team are provided training through MSU 4H, to assist with our engaging trailer presentation and participant engagement.

### CHIPPEWA COUNTY SHERIFF DRUG AWARENESS

Providing awareness and educational materials to parents and community members regarding how to keep our youth safe.

## OUR PARTNERS

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