

## Positive Tips for Parents

Kids' safety on the Web should be a key component of every family's house rules! Use the following tips to insure your child's safety.

**Be involved.** What are your kids doing online? Who are they talking to? There's too many scary statistics out there. Don't let your kids be one of them.

**Be prepared.** Lay out clear boundaries of where your child is allowed to go on the Web. If you feel it's necessary, you can install internet filters.

**Be educated.** This might be common knowledge for adults, but most kids don't know that they are not supposed to give out personal information online. This includes e-mailing, using chat rooms, IM-ing (instant messaging), or anything else that asks for any kind of personal information.

**Be there.** It's not enough to hand out rules and regulations; make surfing the Web a fun, family activity. Guide your kids to kid-friendly sites and teach them to search safely as well.

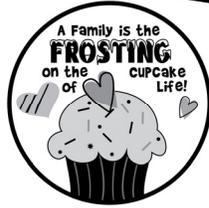
**Be informed.** Get a copy of your child's school use policies for the Web. Make sure that it's something you're comfortable with.

**Be visible.** Where is your computer? If your kids use the computer on a regular basis, make sure that it's in a public place in your home to make checking up on what they're doing easier.

*For more parenting tips and information, visit [www.about.com](http://www.about.com).*

Printing underwritten by

OMNOVA  
SOLUTIONS  
*Foundation*



## Child & Family Awareness Month April 2010

**FREE Events for Children & Families in Summit County**

Saturday, April 10—10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### **SUMMIT MALL & WESTERN RESERVE PBS FAMILY EXPO**

*Summit Mall will come alive with family-focused entertainment, activities and informational booths! See Buddy from "Dinosaur Train" and Miss Rosa, PBS Kids Host. Families will enjoy a magical performance at Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on the event stage. Each show will be followed by a meet-n-greet session. This event is open and FREE to the entire community.*



Saturday, April 17—11 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **ZOORIFIC! AT THE AKRON ZOO**

*FREE admission to the first 1,000 entrants. **Reservations required!** Reservation lines open March 29 - call (330) 379-2040. Attendees are also encouraged to donate a new children's book to benefit the Readers at Risk Program.*

*For more information, call (330) 379-1994  
or visit [summitkids.org](http://summitkids.org).*