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Cyberbullying? Sexting? *Understanding and Managing Today's Internet Challenges*

Presentation Description

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6:30 PM

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Auditorium**

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Bio

Dr. Kimberly L. Mason is an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education and practicum and internship coordinator in the University of New Orleans' College of Education & Human Development. She earned her M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of New Orleans. She is a Nationally Certified Counselor, and certified in iSafe and NetSmartz Internet Safety Programs, Conflict Resolution, Conflict Mediation, and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS). She is the Secretary of the Louisiana Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. She has experience as a school counselor and substance abuse counselor and is a mental health counselor intern at the CARE Institute in New Orleans. Her research focuses on cyberbullying, bullying, ways adolescents use social media, Internet safety, establishing best practices for school counselors, counselor educators, and supervision. She teaches courses related to school counseling, counseling theories and techniques, assessment, lifespan development, internship, and supervision. Previously she was a faculty member and practicum coordinator at Cleveland State University in Ohio for five years.

Dr. Mason is a frequent presenter of seminars and workshops on issues such as cyberbullying, bullying, adolescents use social media and Internet safety across the United States. She was a consultant for the Ohio Commission for Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management, Educational Council on Safe & Drug-Free Schools Consortium, and DARE regarding cyberbullying, bullying, and Internet safety. Currently, she is authoring a textbook entitled, "The School Counselor Intern's Handbook," which is under contract by Prentice Hall. She was a contributing member of the Ohio Department of Education's Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation, or Anti-Bullying Model Policy as well as a consultant for many schools and state and governmental agencies. She provided conflict management and classroom management trainings to pre-service teachers and school counselors at Cleveland State University. She is actively involved in state and national organizations including the American Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and the American School Counseling Association.