

## **TECHNICOOL**

TECHNICOOL as a component of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAV) prevention programming:

**Health Focused:** By educating communities on ways to nurture healthy uses of technology, we encourage informed conversations between youth and adults and promote the positive behaviors rather than focusing only on what should be avoided.

**Victim, Victimizer, Bystander Approach:** TECHNICOOL approaches its prevention efforts by providing information to all young people and acknowledging that some of the youth we address may be a victim, victimizer, or bystander of online aggression. We also recognize that many children may fall into more than one of these groups.

**Emphasis on Adult Responsibility:** PCAV emphasizes adult responsibility in all of its programs. TECHNICOOL provides information and resources to adults so that they are better able to safeguard the young people in their lives. The tools for:

- initiating conversations
- supervision
- healthy role modeling
- creation of rules and boundaries around technology use are given to the caretaking adults in their lives. Adults are responsible for the protection and safety of children.

Technicool is for kids grades 4 through 12 and is broken down into different grade programs such as 4 – 8 and 9-12.

For more information about these programs go to <http://www.pcavt.org/index.php?id=329>