Apps and Websites to Aid Parents

Parenting has become more difficult in the digital age, and it is hard to stay current with all the new trends. Utah Netsmartz put together a resource of several monitoring apps for parents to consider. Utah Netsmartz does not endorse any of the following apps or websites.

Apps



App Name: ParentBlocked Parent

Price:

Apple Store: \$1.99 Google Play Store: Free

Offers in app purchases from \$1.99-\$56.99

Features:

- Safe Driving Mode: Blocks a teen's cell phone usage while driving to stop teens from texting and using social media.
- Scheduler Sets: Sets phone usage time limits.
- Grounded Remotely: Blocks some or all features on the child's phone.



App Name: Social Sitter

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

- Filters social media messages before they post publically, looking for cyberbullying or inappropriate messages.
- Does not allow inappropriate posts to go online.
- Sets time limits on device usage.
- Blocks unwanted calls.
- Alerts parents if keywords chosen by parents show up in messages.



App Name: Screen Time Parental Control

Price:

Apple Store: Not Available Google Play Store: Free

- Sets time limits for device usage.
- Remotely changes daily time limit.
- App usage timer.
- Blocks all apps at bedtime.
- Rewards kids for completing chores with more screen time.
- Keeps track of what children are doing on the device.
- Blocks specific apps.
- Password protected to prevent Screen Time from being uninstalled.



Website Name: Net Nanny

Price: The price varies depending on how many devices are being monitored, and whether you have a PC or Mac. They charge an annual fee, that goes up as you add devices to the plan.

Features:

- Blocks pornography.
- · Masks profanity online.
- Filters website content.
- Blocks/allows apps.
- Sets time limits on usage.



Website Name: TeenSheild

Price: \$13.95 monthly per device, additional

devices may be added at a discount. www.teenshield.com

Features:

- Online parent control panel.
- View child's text messages.
- Monitor child's call log.
- GPS tracking.
- View all photos taken on the device.
- Web filtering—only for android.
- App filtering—only for android.
- View apps installed.



Website Name: Open DNS Family Shield

<u>**Price:**</u> Free for Open DNS Family Shield or Open DNS Home

\$19.95 per month for Open DNS VIP Home https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/

- Speeds up Internet usage.
- Protects against fraud and phishing.

Texting and Driving Apps



Website Name: Drive Alert Now

Price: \$149 one time charge and \$13.99 per

month

Features:

- Automatically sends incoming calls to voice mail.
- Sends custom auto-reply to all incoming texts.
- Holds all texts until vehicle stops.
- Sends real time alerts to parents when the device is overridden.
- Web-based dashboard with full reporting available.
- Allows 911 and other designated emergency calls.
- Allows driver to be located at the push of a button.
- Parents can set speed limit alerts.
- Picks up keywords for bullying/drugs/alcohol.

www.drivealertnow.com



App Name: AT&T DriveMode

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Standard messaging rates apply

Features:

Silences alerts for incoming text messages.



Price:

Apple Store: Free Google Play Store: Free

Offers in app purchases \$4.98 per item

Features:

• Drivers earn rewards for using the app.

• Passengers can unlock the device.

· Emergency access to phone.

• Notifications to parents of arrival at destination.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lifesaverapp



Device Name: Cellcontrol

Price: \$129 for the device, comes with a free cell phone app.

- Device and app that block all cell phone use while the car is in motion.
- Parents can manage all drivers from one online account.
- Customize which apps to block while driving.
- Detailed reports on driving behavior.