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FCC LAUNCHES NEW “PARENTS’ PLACE” WEB SITE

Washington, DC – How do I keep my children from watching inappropriate TV shows? Is there a way to keep my children from running up huge telephone bills calling 900 numbers? What kind of language is allowed on radio programs?

The answers to these and many other similar questions are easy to find on the FCC’s new Web site, the “Parents’ Place.” The Web address is www.fcc.gov/parents.

At this time of year, when school will soon be letting out for the summer, parents and caregivers are focusing on how they will monitor and supervise what their children are watching and hearing for the next few months.

The “Parents’ Place” can help with this. It brings together in a single, easy-to-use site, information on issues concerning broadcast, cable, telephone and Internet issues, that will be of particular interest to parents as they make choices that involve their children.

The topics that are highlighted are, Children’s TV Rules; Local TV Programming; TV Ratings; TV Channel Blocking; Limiting TV Commercials; Obscenity/Indecency; Telephone – 900 Numbers; Internet – Children’s Access; Emergency – Amber Alert; and Cable in the Classroom.

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, who was extremely instrumental in the development of the “Parents’ Place,” said, “As a parent myself, I know the concerns of caregivers facing the end of school, when the children will have much more unstructured time on their hands. Radio, television, the phone, and the Internet all provide enormous potential for learning and entertainment for our children. Unfortunately, not everything they can access is appropriate. The “Parents’ Place” is an excellent resource to find out how to ensure that children take advantage of the many benefits of the telecom marketplace without being exposed to inappropriate or undesirable elements.”