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## WHO IS?

THE WORLD HAS EVOLVED THROUGH WHAT GOOD WE DO TO EACH OTHER. MY LITTLE STORY THROUGH LIFE HAS TAKEN ME TO THIS STAGE TO DO MY PART TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND TEENS NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL SPECTRUM SAFELY.



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I want to share a personal story that underscores the importance of trust and resilience in the ever-changing landscape of cybersecurity. As an immigrant who dared to challenge the status quo, my journey has been anything but easy. When faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, I refused to back down, even when the world around me suggested it was time to give up.

At 19, I made the difficult decision to leave college to care for my parents, who were suffering from serious health issues. Alone and unsure of what lay ahead, I had to find strength within myself. It was during this challenging time that I realized I was unique and capable, no matter how dire my circumstances seemed. My story is not just one of survival but of transformation.

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Holding on to faith, with less than \$30 in my pocket, I crossed oceans to pursue my dreams in this remarkable country—a place where aspirations can become reality for those who are willing to work hard. After completing my degree in Chennai, India, and later earning a master’s degree from Santa Clara University in my early 40s, I founded Step Ahead in my late 50s. Now, in my mid-60s, I am dedicated to reskilling in cybersecurity and CMMC creating a secure cloud platform designed to protect our most vulnerable: our children. While many consider retirement in their 60s, I view this as the beginning of a new chapter. I believe that age should never define our potential. If I, with an average intelligence, can pass highstakes CMMC exams and launch a successful cybersecurity initiative, imagine what our young people can achieve!

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The future is bright, and I want to help them navigate it safely. The world is your oyster, and the future is yours to shape. Your thoughts have a profound impact on your thinking, behavior, and actions. Positive thoughts can lead to positive outcomes. Discernment is key. A strong foundation of values is essential for personal growth and shaping your future.

At Step Ahead, we have identified a critical gap in cybersecurity—one that puts our children at risk. Schools may have measures in place, but when children are out of their school premises, they are often left exposed to the digital dangers that surround them. Our comprehensive cybersecurity program is specifically designed to empower children and young adults with the skills they need to thrive online while staying safe.

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Here are some key benefits of our program:

**Securing the devices:** We secure the child's laptop & mobile devices with endpoints connected to our NextGen AI driven Deep Learning Firewall

**Real-time Monitoring:** We track online activity to identify potential threats, including exposure to disinformation.

**Content Filtering:** We block harmful websites and sources of misinformation.

**Cyberbullying Prevention:** We help prevent and address incidents of cyberbullying.

**Disinformation Protection:** We shield children from negative social influences.

**Education and Awareness:** We provide resources and training to keep children safe online.

By enrolling your child in our program, you are taking a proactive step toward ensuring their safety and well-being in the digital age. Together, we can create a secure environment where our children can explore, learn, and grow without fear.

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At Step Ahead, we primarily focus on serving small to medium-sized businesses and federal agencies. However, we've identified a critical gap in cybersecurity that we can't ignore: our children are often left unprotected. While schools may implement cybersecurity measures, many kids are still vulnerable when they are outside school.

To address this urgent need, we've developed a specialized cybersecurity program tailored for children and young adults. Our program empowers them with essential skills to navigate the digital world safely. By combining cybersecurity awareness with robust device security, we ensure lasting protection, utilizing key CMMC controls to enhance the program's effectiveness.

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**Comprehensive Device Protection:** Every child's devices—laptops and smartphones—are secured with advanced endpoint protection.

**Tailored Cybersecurity Training:** Cybersecurity awareness training is specifically curated for different age groups and delivered via email and the Step Ahead portal.

**Engaging Learning Formats:** Our training includes exciting series, games, puzzles, live presentations, and videos, making it highly engaging and educational for children.

**Phishing Simulations:** Integrated phishing simulations in their email help children recognize suspicious links and potential ransomware attacks.

**AI-Driven Recommendations:** Intelligent agents monitor your child's online behavior and automatically suggest relevant training to enhance their online safety skills.

**Parental Insights:** Parents have full access to an analytics dashboard, providing trends, behavioral insights, training history, and scoring.

**Quick and Accessible Training:** Most training sessions are under 15 minutes and are available through a subscription-based, annual on-demand model, ensuring real improvements in online safety.