

Children and Videogames: Playful Devices or Poisonous Vices?

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The sheer delight and entrancement with which children approach videogaming results in parents capitulating to children's demands for more devices and game time, often reluctantly. Fears of letting children roam outdoors, and the drain of feeling perpetually responsible for orchestrating children's social lives often leaves parents no choice but to allow children free reign in front of the screen. And yet, questions abound as to whether videogames have harmless or harmful effects. Dr. Gnaulati will discuss the effect of videogames on children's aggression, psychosexual development, physical health, attention span, visual-spatial learning, creativity, and multimodal literacy.

Dr. Enrico Gnaulati received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Columbia University and is in private practice in Pasadena, California specializing in child/adolescent therapy and assessment, and parenting consultation. He is the former president of the San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association and has held a variety of university teaching positions. He has published articles on adolescent development, sibling therapy, conflict resolution with preschoolers, and group therapy with ADHD children and his book, *Staying with Playing: Emotion Regulating Therapy with ADHD Children* was released by Rowman & Littlefield in 2008.