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Natchaug Hospital's
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Professional Development
Seminar Series

Playing With Violence: *The Mental Health* *Effects of* *Video Game Play*

By: Paul Weigle, M.D.

A Professional Development Seminar provided by Natchaug Hospital for educators, social workers, counselors, family therapists, nurses, guidance counselors, child psychologists and others who work with school-age youth

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Konover Auditorium,
University of Connecticut, Storrs

Whitney Road

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Overview:

There is an increasing body of literature examining the extent, characteristics, and effects of video game play on children and adolescents. Regular video game play is practically ubiquitous among youth, dramatically changing the landscape of childhood. Studies indicate that the average youth spends hours each day playing video games. The content of most video games features violence prominently. Games are rated for age-appropriateness by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, but recommendations are typically unheeded. Research is starting to reveal the effects of chronic video game play on parameters of psychological well being, but these remain largely unknown to those educators and mental health practitioners who work with youth.

Participants will:

- Understand the extent and effects of video game play by children and adolescents.
- Identify different types of video games and current ratings systems.
- Learn the implications of video game play on the education and mental health of children and adolescents.
- Recognize characteristics of pathological game play, including video game addiction.

About the Speaker:

Paul Weigle, M.D. is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Natchaug Hospital. He earned his medical doctorate at New Jersey Medical School. He did his medical internship, general psychiatry residency, and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Harvard Medical School. Currently, Dr. Weigle provides psychiatric care for children and teens at the Joshua Centers in Mansfield and Old Saybrook, as well as at CarePlus in Groton, and he offers psychiatric evaluations for local schools. He has served on the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)'s Media Committee since 2002, and has given presentations on the effects of media on children at the AACAP's annual meetings in Chicago and Honolulu, and at the New England Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's semiannual meeting in Boston.

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