

Teens and Screens

A Guide to Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet and Social Media



Must See Event

Parent Educational Series

October 17, 2017 @ 7:00 PM in the Avedissian Hall

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From now on it's a wired universe ...
and we are all going to have to cope with some new challenges.

This is the first generation of youth who do not need adults to get information; can broadcast their every thought or emotion to those who “follow” them on social media; have external stimuli at their fingertips 24/7; are socially connected at all times yet often connect in isolation; will learn more from a portable device than from a parent or in a classroom.

Video games, social media, chat rooms, etc. provide both escape from the normal developmental challenges of growing up (i.e., school, work, social life), and substitutes for real-life interpersonal relationships – but not always “safe” substitutes. Video game addiction and social media “overuse” are now at the forefront of concerns for both The American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association. Parents and professionals need help in the unique challenges of managing youth in the age of information.

Session topics include:

- Alarming Trends, Statistics, Risks
- Why Teens Are So Vulnerable
- Is This A Parenting Problem?
- What Parents Really Need To Know
- What Parents Can Effectively Do
- Be Cautious About These Phone Apps

About the presenter

Patrick Madden, M.A. is a Licensed Educational Psychologist. He has worked in the public school system as a school psychologist and program specialist for over 30 years. Throughout that time he has also operated a private practice. He is a popular speaker who has presented dynamic professional workshops at the state and national level on a variety of topics including the use of metaphors and storytelling in therapeutic practice, solution-focused approaches to counseling, and fundamental ingredients that underlie all effective therapeutic interventions. He has served on the board of the California Association of School Psychologists, is a past president of the Ventura County Association of School Psychologists, and has published numerous articles related to counseling. In addition, the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) has recognized him as one of California's Outstanding School Psychologists.