

Resources for Parents

ONLINE MEDIA

Common Sense Media

www.commonsensemedia.org

Reviews of TV shows, movies, websites, videogames and other media help parents decide what kind of media content is right for your child. Read reviews by parents and kids before you head down to the multiplex to see that latest movie, buy the latest videogame or rent that DVD!

Growing Up Online (WGBH Frontline)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline>

Watch the documentary and read the parent materials, created by Renee Hobbs and Kelly Mendoza of the Media Education Lab at Temple University. Learn more about your parenting style and consider issues that face children and young people as they “grow up online.”

Parent Handbook:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/kidsonline/pguide.pdf>

Growing Up Online QUIZ for PARENTS

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/kidsonline/quiz.html>

BOOKS

***The Other Parent: The Inside Story of the Media's Effect on Our Children*, by James Steyer**

Jim Steyer, founder of Common Sense Media, explains how the media can negatively influence kids' lives, focusing on how many media companies that target kids lack social responsibility. Steyer provides concrete strategies for changes that can help parents, the media industry, government and concerned citizens.

***Totally Wired: What Teens and Tweens Are Really Doing Online*, by Anastasia Goodstein**

This book explores what teens are doing online, covering issues such as social networking, online journaling, artistic media production and cyberbullying. Weaving in stories from her own childhood and including interviews with industry professionals, Goodstein helps parents understand the benefits and drawbacks of kids' online activities and provides suggestions for realistic boundaries to keep kids safe.