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Young children are exposed to so much these days — T.V., computers, video games — and even cell phones! Let’s explore how this exposure affects a child’s still-developing brain. Here are the statistics:

Three basic needs of childhood are being threatened by the entertainment media and other social currents. How can we restore -

The Need for Creative Play

Play is so vital to children’s social, emotional and cognitive growth – and perhaps the most important tool our children have to work through new experiences, ideas and feelings.

The Need for Security

A second foundation of healthy childhood development is every young person’s need to feel secure.

The Need for Positive Relationships

The final essential building block of healthy childhood development is positive relationships with adults and other children.

Materials and Toys

There has been a major transformation in the kind of playthings marketed to children and parents. Open-ended toys, those that lend themselves to creative play, have increasingly given way to highly structured single-purpose and high-tech toys. What can we do about this?

Techniques to Help Children Move beyond Imitation into Creative Play

- Make occasional comments about what you see happening in children's play
- Ask open-ended questions
- Steer children toward using materials that will extend and deepen their experience of play

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