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Class _____

MEDIA IN THE HOME

PARENT INTERVIEW:

1. How many hours (weekly) does your child spend with the media (video, TV, or video games)?
2. What are your family rules concerning the use of the media?
3. Do you personally feel that violence seen on TV, videos, or video games desensitizes children to violence in real life?
4. Why or why not?
5. Do you feel that the media teach your children the values that you want them to have?
6. Do you supervise your child's use of the media? If so, how?

CHILD INTERVIEW:

1. How many hours (weekly) do you spend with the media (video, TV, or video games)?
2. What are the rules at your home concerning use of the media?
3. Do you feel like you are personally affected by violence viewed in the media?
4. Do you feel that the media teach you to do good things or bad things? How?
5. Do your parents always know what you are watching?
6. How would you feel if your parents took the media away from you?
7. What is your favorite game or movie or TV show?
8. What do you remember from that game, video, or TV show?

OBSERVATION:

Observe the child interacting with the media for one hour. Count the number of violent and sexual acts viewed.

1. Number of violent acts:
2. Number of sexual acts:
3. Observe the child's reaction to the media:
 - a. Is he/she engrossed in video or still aware of his/her surroundings?
 - b. How does he/she react to the acts of violence?
 - c. How does he/she react to sexual scenes?
 - d. Is the child easily interrupted?
 - e. How many commercials were viewed?
 - f. What products were advertised?
 - g. How did the child respond to the advertisements?
 - h. What values were portrayed in this video, game, or television show?
 - i. How do you feel the child has been effected by the media?
4. Summarize your feelings concerning children and media.