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David S. Bickham, Ph.D., is a staff scientist at the Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School. He received his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in human development and family sciences. His research explores media as an environmental factor that can influence children's physical, psychological, social, and academic well-being. In his most recent work, Bickham has explored the processes through which media use, and especially violent media use, can play a role in children's social isolation. Currently, he is investigating the potential contribution of violent media use to the behaviors of school bullies, victims of school bullies, and students who witness bullying. Bickham has co-authored book chapters and published numerous articles in developmental, psychological, and medical journals. Recently he delivered invited testimony concerning the effects of violent video games to a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.