

*Biography of*

## **David Walsh, Ph. D.**

Dr. Walsh is the president and founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Psychologist, educator, author and parent of three, Dr. Walsh has emerged as one of the world's leading authorities on parenting, family life and the impact of media on children and teens. He has written eight books including the national best seller *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* (Free Press, 2004).



David Walsh, Ph. D. is a highly sought after international speaker. His presentations focus on brain development, adolescence, the impact of media on children and the factors that influence school performance, literacy, and violence prevention. His presentations are down to earth, understandable, engaging, and laced with warmth and humor.

Dr. Walsh is a frequent guest on national radio and television. He has appeared on such programs as *CBS 60 Minutes*, *NBC Dateline*, *CBS Early Show*, *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, *Good Morning America*, *Today Show*, the *Jane Pauley Show* and National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. His work has been covered in major newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Time Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, and others. He has been featured in three nationally broadcast specials on PBS.

Dr. Walsh received his Ph. D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota. He is currently on the faculty there and is also a consultant to the World Health Organization. He has been the recipient of many awards including the 1999 "Friend of the Family Award" presented by the Council on Family Relations. He and his wife, Monica, have three grown children: Dan, Brian and Erin.