Elizabeth Burgess Dowdell, PhD

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Elizabeth Dowdell, PhD, RN, FAAN, is an expert in the use of social media by adolescents and the health risks posed by online behaviors.

Biography

The use of social media across the globe is expanding exponentially as the number of social media outlets, applications, and access continue to increase. Along with this growth in connectivity come concerns about child Internet victimization as well as new phenomena associated with technology. Dr. Dowdell is an expert in the use of social media by teens and the health risks posed by their online behaviors. She can address how risky online behaviors endanger vulnerable children, how technology affects a child?s and family?s everyday life and the emergence of new technology-related behaviors like sleep texting.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

Areas of Expertise

Cyberbullying, Gun Violence, Health Risk Behaviors in Children and Adolescents, Internet Safety, Sleep Texting, Violence and Victimology

Affiliations

Consultant, U.S. Department of Justice, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Deinquency Prevention

Education

University of Pennsylvania PhD

Boston College

MS

Vanderbilt University

BSN

Select Accomplishments

Villanova University Outstanding Faculty Research Award

2023 The award selection committee noted Dr. Dowdell?s impressive, groundbreaking scholarship in critical areas related to child and adolescent health, safety and well-being which has an important and wide-ranging impact across disciplines; also cited was her how her innovative work has helped shape policy.

American Academy of Nursing Fellow

2012 Inducted as a fellow in to the American Academy of Nursing.

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