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Family Fun And Games

(TVA)—Want your family to spend time together and tune out the TV? Give them a reason. That's the advice from experts who say a number of family-focussed activities can be a fun way to get even the most seasoned couch potato away from the tube.

For example, a game called Double Checkers can be played by two, three or four people. It's a checkers game for partners and it can be a fun way to get your family to spend time together.

Partners sit opposite each other with opponents at their sides. The rules are the same as in the classic version, except that the board merges two classical original boards into one. This opens up "the playing field" for more competitors and increases the sociability of the activity.

The game is made by a company called Make Your Move, which was founded by former NFL linebacker Henry Rolling. The company also makes Double Chess, Double Backgammon and Cube Checkers (which puts an entirely new spin on the game). The games have earned awards from the National Parenting Publications Association and the Mensa Society.

"Fun and challenging games like this (Cube Checkers) are an effective tool to get families and neighbors close together. It's a game concept that's all about creating a sense of connectivity with others, which makes it so much more appealing than games that tend to isolate individuals," says



Family-friendly games can help parents get kids to spend time away from the TV.

company spokesperson and famous dad, Bill Cosby.

The game maker plans to expand into the online game arena by making its games as well as others available on its Web site. To keep the games social, players will be able to chat live with one another while playing or they can use optional headsets to talk to one another. The Web site will also host international gaming tournaments with cash prizes.

In addition, the company plans to launch a unique mobile home-entertainment system called Walabee MK5. The versatile system will be able to play interactive learning software for young children, run a number of board games and run games that are popular on other game systems.

For more information visit www.makeyourmoveinc.com.