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Intergenerational Transmission within the Context of Early Life Adversity: Mechanisms and Outcomes

Childhood maltreatment is associated with increased risk of psychopathology, cognitive dysfunction and impaired relationships, including parenting difficulties. Recently, studies have shown that the consequences of childhood maltreatment may extend to the next generation. This presentation will provide an overview of data examining biological and neuropsychological mechanisms linking maternal reports of childhood maltreatment to current parenting and offspring outcomes. A discussion regarding implications for interventions with mothers will follow.

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