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Family Interaction and Children's Social Development: Behavioral and Neural Correlates

Message from the Guest Editors

Family interaction is central to children's social development, shaping their cognitive, emotional, and behavioral adaptation throughout life. Recent research has shifted from a static, problem-oriented view to a dynamic, process-focused approach, exploring mechanisms of development through interaction—such as parent–child coordination, emotional exchange, and joint attention—alongside multi-level dynamics like neural synchrony and physiological covariation. This Special Issue invites studies examining how family interactions (e.g., parent–child, marital, parenting, emotion socialization) influence children's social development and mental health (e.g., emotion regulation, self-perception, school adaptation, relationships). We particularly encourage research integrating behavioral and cognitive–neural perspectives and adopting bidirectional or systemic approaches. Empirical, longitudinal, multi-level, and experimental studies, as well as high-quality meta-analyses and reviews, are welcome to advance theoretical and empirical understanding in this field.

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