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The Effects of Childhood Trauma on Sexual Development

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of Behavioral Sciences features a collection of articles that examine the long-term effects of childhood trauma on adult sexual development. As existing research shows that childhood trauma—whether sexual, violent, or psychological—can significantly alter sexual developmental trajectories, the articles in this edition will enhance our understanding of how early trauma intersects with sexual development, particularly by investigating the connection between developmental trauma and subsequent sexual functioning. The research in this Special Issue will also explore how trauma is influenced by the specific type, the developmental stage, and the characteristics of the survivor, including factors such as gender identity and sexual orientation. This Special Issue underscores the complex and highly variable nature of sexual development after childhood trauma, demonstrating the need for nuanced approaches to understanding sexual healing and resilience.

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