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Psychological Impact of Stress- and Trauma-Related Events in Early Years of Parenthood

Message from the Guest Editor

The occurrence of stressful and traumatic events in early years of parenthood might compromise parents' psychological and emotional functioning, with serious consequences for parent-child relationships, child development, and the family system. Although it seems obvious that the entire family is involved, most of the research in the field has focused only on one parent, generally mothers, her relationship with the infant, and the developmental consequences. This knowledge might promote the implementation of interventions for reducing the risk of chronic and pervasive outcomes at individual, dyadic, and family level. With these premises, this Special Issue plans to give an overview of the most recent advances on the psychological impact of stressful and traumatic experiences in the early stages of parenthood, with particular attention to contributions which consider the role of several family-level risk and protective factors in determining psychological outcomes. Potential topics include but are not limited to: The COVID-19 pandemic; Prematurity; Loss of a significant relative; Job loss; Financial difficulties; Illness of a parent or of a significant relative.

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