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The Role of Parenting in Typical and Atypical Child Development

Message from the Guest Editor

There is a growing interest toward complex and dynamic models of understanding, as an attempt to overcome linear and deterministic models. Good examples are the interest in possible moderators and mediators, both individual and environmental, of parental determinants which predict differential developmental trajectories or that act as parental precursors of child developmental outcomes at a very early stage and/or over a wide period of time. Additionally, the scientific community is finding it challenging to understand the short- and longterm effects on child development of new caregiving environments or what can make a difference in atypical developmental outcomes, in terms of parental protective and risk factors, in the presence of biological risk, such as pre- or neonatal risk or neurodevelopmental disorders, and/or severe environmental conditions. We welcome contributions focusing on new and unexplored aspects of parenting and child development, as well as those highlighting practical implications for the development of programs to support at risk parenting. Dr. Gabrielle Coppola

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