



Abuse and Trauma in Childhood and Adolescence

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Message from the Guest Editors

Childhood and adolescence are key stages in development. Experiences of abuse and neglect in the early stages can imply serious life-long problems, such as emotional, behavioral, social and medical problems. These consequences include depression, anger, anxiety, difficulty in trusting others, feelings of isolation and stigma, or poor self-esteem, hostility, aggression, sexually inappropriate behavior, self-destructive behavior, a tendency toward revictimization, substance abuse, sexual maladjustment and major medical problems. Traumatic experiences might even affect psychological as well as biological parameters in the next generation. The early detection of trauma and abuse, as well as the research on the consequences and interventions, can help victims and society in the knowledge and prevention from becoming chronic problems. The following topics are especially welcome:

- Child sexual abuse; physical abuse; emotional abuse; child neglect and maltreatment;
- Psychological problems in childhood and adolescence;
- Psychological strengths and virtues in childhood and adolescence;
- Trauma in childhood and adolescence.





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