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## Child Trauma and Psychology

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The quality of the interactions established in the first years of human life is crucial and plays a significant role in the way we bond effectively and adapt personally and socially during adolescence and adulthood. Affective attachments mark the way in which people understand the world and regulate their emotions in the face of adversity.

Thus, traumatic experiences in childhood and adolescence may be related to a greater occurrence of internalizing and externalizing problems. It is common to find that children and adolescents who have been exposed to adverse situations exhibit mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, reactive attachment disorder, behavioral or hyperactive problems, and even neurodevelopmental problems.

The aim of this Special Issue on childhood is to highlight recent developments and innovative insights into the emotional, behavioral and neurological impact of trauma in childhood and adolescence. We seek to expand knowledge about assessment instruments, explanatory variables, and treatment and prevention options in this area.



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