

Collaborative Family Study

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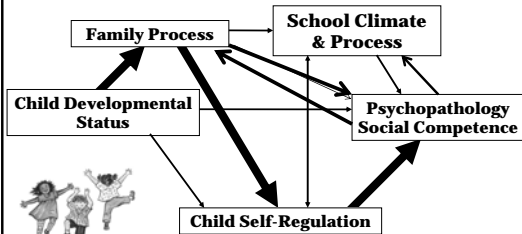
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Collaborative Family Study (UCLA, UC Riverside, Penn State Univ.)

- ❑ Families
 - Borderline - Moderate Delays: Developmentally Delayed (DD) or Intellectually Disabled (ID)
 - No Delays: Typically Developing (TD)
 - Autism (no ID) or Aspergers -- NEW!
- ❑ Assessments (Ages 3 to 15 years)
 - Child Developmental/Cognitive 3, 5, 9, 13
 - Child Adaptive Behavior 3, 5, 9, 13
 - Child Behavior Problems 3-9, 12, 13, 15
 - Child Social Skills 6-9, 12, 13, 15
 - Child Mental Disorders 6-9, 12, 13, 15
 - Child Neuropsych. Measures - 13, 15
 - Family Interaction: Home Obs. 3-9
 - Child and Parent-Child Behavior: Lab 3-5, 9, 13, 15
 - Questionnaires, Child/Parent Vars. 3-9, 12, 13, 15
 - Parent and Youth Interviews -- 12, 13, 15
 - School Assessments 6-9, 13, 15

The Collaborative Family Study



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Adolescents' Academic Engagement from parent semi-structured interview

School section asks parents of 13 year olds about academic engagement. Responses are coded in the following areas:

- Student-teacher relationships
- Youth's feelings about school
- Youth's engagement in homework
- Youth's extracurricular involvement at school
- Youth's participation and engagement in class



Adolescents' Friendships, from parent and youth semi-structured interviews

Sample questions:

Who are friends? Age? Gender?

Have a best friend?

Have a cohesive group of friends?

Spend time with friends outside of school?

Initiate activities with friends?

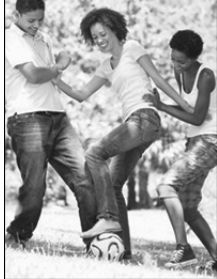
Coded for warmth/closeness and positive reciprocity in peer relationships

Initial Findings

- Adolescents with DD have friends who are younger and more likely to be the opposite gender than TD adolescents
- Adolescents with DD are less likely than TD adolescents to have a best friend or a cohesive group of friends.



Initial Findings



- Adolescents with DD are less likely to spend time with friends outside of school than TD adolescents
- Adolescents with DD are less likely to initiate activities with friends than TD adolescents.

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