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Attachment Disturbances in Young Children. I: The Continuum of Caretaking Casualty

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ABSTRACT

Objective

To determine whether signs of disordered attachment were greater in young children being reared in more socially depriving caregiving environments.

Method

Three groups of children were studied by means of structured interviews with caregivers that were administered over several months in Bucharest, Romania, in 1999: (1) 32 toddlers living in a typical unit (standard care) in a large institution in Buc designed to reduce the number of adults ca never been institutionalized. The presence assessed by caregiver/parent report.

Results

Children on the typical unit (standard care) had significantly more signs of disordered attachment than children in the other two groups. Both the emotionally withdrawn and the indiscriminately social pattern of attachment disorder were apparent in these children, but cluster analysis suggested that mixed patterns are more typical.

Conclusions

The continuum of caretaking casualty is reflected by increasing signs of disordered attachment in toddlers living in more socially depriving environments.

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