The Effects of Maternal Emotionality on Child Hyperactivity
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Abstract:
This study examined the effects of maternal emotionality on her child’s emotion regulation, as well as the relationship between her child’s emotion regulation, cognitive planfulness, and hyperactivity. The study consisted of 498 mothers and children from a large urban area in the Northwest United States. Using structural equation modeling, we estimated the effects of maternal positive and negative emotionality and expressivity on her child’s ability to regulate his or her emotions. We also estimated the effects of the child’s emotion regulation and planfulness on hyperactivity. This study found that mother’s who displayed more warmth had children who reported more emotion regulation. Additionally, both higher levels of emotion regulation and cognitive planfulness are associated with lower hyperactivity.

Poster references:


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Figure One: SEM of Maternal Emotional Reactivity, Warmth, and Hostility, and her child's lack of emotion regulation, planfulness, and hyperactivity (Standardized solution: N=498).