



Jacobs Center Research Seminar Series

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Investigating the intergenerational transmission of maladaptive family environments: Identifying developmental pathways and prevention strategies

The need for child and family mental health services is increasing worldwide. Therefore, clinicians and policy-makers are calling upon developmental scientists to identify mechanisms that explain how child and family difficulties are passed across generations and to find interventions that disrupt the intergenerational transmission of these difficulties. Answering this call, this talk will identify several developmental pathways by which maladaptive family environments might be passed from one generation to the next. It will also explore evidence-based interventions that can disrupt

these developmental pathways and therefore prevent the intergenerational transmission of maladaptive family environments. This talk will do so by exploring findings from several prospective, longitudinal, intergenerational investigations spanning developmental psychology, psychiatric epidemiology, and clinical science that together examine these developmental pathways in over 2000 children and families from 12 different cultural groups in 9 nations followed for between 15-35 years.

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