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EDITOR PICKS

Document the urbanistic policy bias in rural early childhood services: Toward a function definition of rurality

Lead author: Silvia Vilches, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Auburn University
“Services for young children in northern and rural communities are structured with a one-size-fits-all funding model that inadvertently disadvantages lower population density areas. The results of this research affirm the value of developing a more effective rural service delivery model for families with children with typical and atypical development.”

Social and physical environments in early development predict DNA methylation of inflammatory genes in young adulthood

Co author: Prof. Michael Kobor, HELP faculty, University of British Columbia
“Environments in infancy and childhood influence levels of inflammation in adulthood—an important risk factor for multiple diseases of aging such as cardiovascular disease—but the underlying biological mechanisms remain uncertain. We provide evidence that nutritional, microbial, and psychosocial exposures in infancy and childhood predict adult levels of DNA methylation—biochemical marks on the genome that affect gene expression—in genes that regulate inflammation. These results point toward DNA methylation as a potentially important biological mechanism through which developmental environments shape inflammatory phenotypes across the life course.”

My cat makes me happy. What children and youth say about measuring their well-being

UNICEF CANADA
“The children and youth we spoke to across the country, who fearlessly and sensitively shared their views on what well-being means to them, are telling us what they need and what we should be paying attention to. The physical health and educational achievement outcomes we place a premium on have to be balanced with the mental, emotional and spiritual well-being that young people tell us is critical to their progress.”
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HELP FACULTY and AFFILIATE (selected publications)


HELP RESOURCES


BIOLOGY/NEUROBIOLOGY (“early experiences”)


CHILDCARE, ECD SERVICES


**CHILD DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL)**


4. (upcoming).


**INDIGENOUS**


**MIDDLE YEARS**

**PARTNERSHIPS, HUBS, INTEGRATED CENTRES/SERVICES**


POLICY, PRACTICE, INTERVENTIONS


SCREENING (tools, methods, school readiness, etc)


SOCIAL DETERMINANTS


SOCIOEMOTIONAL


MEDIA (HELP general)

MEDIA (Kershaw, Generation Squeeze)


SPECIAL


