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CHILDHOOD STRESS AND RISK FOR LATER MENTAL DISORDER

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Childhood stress has been associated with increased risk for later psychiatric disorders. One condition that is strongly associated with childhood stress is borderline personality disorder. Here I will present neuropsychological and imaging studies of borderline personality disorder that show evidence of a link between childhood maltreatment and emotional/social brain function and impulse control.