Violence Exposure and Depressive Symptoms Among Urban Youth: A Growth Curve Analysis

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Depression and Youth

• Consequences
• Trajectory
• Epidemiology

Sociodemographic Characteristics

• Sex
• Race/ethnicity
• SES

Theoretical & Conceptual Frameworks

• Ecological approach
• Resilience
• Development
Promotive Factors

- Mother support
- Peer support

Current Study

Depressive symptoms and risk/promotive Factors
- Risk: violence exposure
- Promotive: mother and peer support

Sample

- High school students
- GPA 3.0 or lower
- Age
- Sex
- Race/ethnicity

Measures

- Depressive Symptoms
- Community Violence
- Conflict in the Family Environment
- Mother support
- Friend support
- SES

Statistical Analysis

- Growth Curve Models

Model Building

- Model 1: Growth
- Model 2: Socio demographic characteristics
- Model 3: Violence exposure over time
- Model 4: Support over time
Model 1 Results

Model 2 Results - Sociodemographics

Model 3 Results - Community Violence

Model 3 Results - Conflict in Family

Model 4 Results - Support

Summary

- Depression changes over time
- Differences by sex & race/ethnicity
Summary

• Violence exposure increases depression risk

Summary

• Mother support is promotive

Implications

1. Tailor interventions
2. Support families
3. Community level

Thank You!

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