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This Reprint brings together a collection of contributions examining the complex relationship between parental mental health and child development. The articles included explore how parental psychological wellbeing, stress, and mental health conditions influence children's emotional, behavioral, and developmental outcomes across different contexts and child populations, including children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Some contributions also discuss the potential role of family-centered and evidence-based interventions in strengthening parental mental health and indirectly supporting children's adjustment and behavior. The contributions address a range of topics, including parental stress, family functioning, parenting practices, and the broader psychosocial environments in which children grow and develop. Several papers highlight the developmental mechanisms through which parental mental health may shape children's adjustment and developmental trajectories, emphasizing the importance of early support and preventive interventions. By integrating empirical research and theoretical perspectives, this Reprint highlights the central role of parental mental health in shaping children's development and wellbeing. The collected studies offer an overview of current perspectives in the field and provide insights for researchers, clinicians, psychologists, educators, and policymakers interested in supporting the positive development, adjustment, and wellbeing of both parents and children.



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