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Masters Thesis

“The Effects of Care Types and Temperament on Problem Behaviors of Children Under the Care of Social Services”

This study examined the moderating effects of temperamental characteristics on the child outcomes of social competence, externalization and internalization problems within a sample of children cared in different environmental settings (institutions, care villages, group homes, foster care, low SES biological family care) aged between 3-5 years. The interaction of temperament and care environment was tested based on the differential susceptibility hypothesis. Also, the differentiating results considering the care type were examined in order to observe which care type offers optimal outcomes in terms of problem behaviors and social competence in a risky group of children who are under governmental protection.

