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DIFFERENTIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Some children and adults who are exposed to adversities suffer long-term negative consequences, whereas others develop relatively unscathed. Apparently, some individuals are more vulnerable when they encounter setbacks or hardships. For the past 4 decades, developmental psychopathology theory and research used a 'dual risk' or 'diathesis stress' model. The focus on the problematic side of life has prevented attention to what happens to these 'vulnerable' individuals when they grow up in favorable circumstances. Differential susceptibility theory suggests that high vulnerability might in fact be susceptibility. That is, individuals who are *susceptible* to negative experiences, "for the worse", may also benefit most from positive experiences, "for the better". This theory changes the way we think of the interplay of genes and environment, of nature and nurture.

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