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Amy K. Nuttall is an expert in the areas of family relationships, parenting, and how families cope with stress.

Biography

Dr. Nuttall's program of research broadly focuses on understanding how children and families cope with stress in the family system and how these experiences shape development across the lifespan. She is particularly interested in the impact of parenting, including family relationships and roles (e.g., generational boundary dissolution, role reversal parentification, triangulation) and parent-child communication (e.g., emotional reminiscing), on child developmental processes of risk and resilience. Guided by a developmental psychopathology perspective, she studies family relationships and development in a variety of stress contexts, including both normative and severe stressors (e.g., interparental conflict, sibling with a disability, childhood bereavement, child maltreatment, parental psychopathology). She also examines the impact of these childhood experiences on relationships in adulthood, including early parenting during the transition to parenthood and the intergenerational transmission of parenting. With a particular emphasis on identifying adaptive processes and resilience, Dr. Nuttall conducts process-oriented basic research with the goal of informing preventive interventions aimed at supporting positive outcomes for children, siblings, and parents. Dr. Nuttall has published in top journals in developmental, clinical, and quantitative psychology. Dr. Nuttall is a consulting editor for the Journal of Family Psychology, the American Psychological Association's journal for family research.

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Family Dynamics, Maltreatment, Parenting, Caregiving, Quantitative Psychology

Affiliations

Journal of Family Psychology : Consulting Editor

Education

University of Notre Dame
Ph.D. Developmental Psychology

University of Notre Dame
M.A. Psychology

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