6: Parenting Spotlight - Middle Childhood

Spotlight on Parenting

Culture and Assessing Risk in Parenting: the Judgmental Public

Please read the following article discussing how we assess risks regarding children and how that supposed risk assessment changes based on culture, circumstance, and public opinion.

[Why Do We Judge Parents For Putting Kids At Perceived — But Unreal — Risk? (Links to an external site.)](http://www.npr.org/sections/13.7/2016/08/22/490847797/why-do-we-judge-parents-for-putting-kids-at-perceived-but-unreal-risk?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=20160822)

The Role of Parental Support - Gender Identity

[How do we help transgender children thrive? Be more affirming and supportive. (Links to an external site.)](http://miamioh.edu/ehs/news/2018/03/transgender-thrive.html)

# 6: Parenting Spotlight - Fathering long term effects

## Spotlight on Parenting

### Understanding the influence of Fatherhood on Child Development

In the following article based on a longitudinal study, the importance of fatherhood is addressed. Please consider not just middle childhood but also back to the earlier module on infancy when mothers tend to be seen as having the more central role in caregiving.

[Quality vs Quantity of Time for Fathers [popular media article with research study linked within]](http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx_factor/2016/11/29/study_shows_quality_of_time_between_dad_and_child_is_more_important_than.html)

# 6: Middle Childhood Additional Video & Article

## Resources

## Gender & Identity Development

Please read this brief Q & A regarding playground behavior and the shifts in identity and gender interaction during middle childhood.

As you read, consider how the information presented here relates to your textbook's discussion of this developmental stage.

[Boy Chasing (Links to an external site.)](http://www.mommd.com/boychasing.shtml)

## Social & Emotional Development

In this video, you will watch an interview of an 8-year-old boy about various topics. Think about the concepts covered in these chapters on middle childhood as you view this video and compare them with the answers he gives.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucOvO2RCkho&feature=emb_logo>

6: Middle Childhood - Additional Resources: Technology, Bullying, and Parenting

Hot Topics

Media & Technology Use

Check out these articles on media/technology use for children. There are a variety of different issues, especially with very young children and using technology to replace human interaction.

[Why handheld devices should be banned for children under 12 - Huffington Post (Links to an external site.)](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/cris-rowan/10-reasons-why-handheld-devices-should-be-banned_b_4899218.html)

[A Digital Nanny? - PC World (Links to an external site.)](http://www.pcworld.com/article/3154902/consumer-electronics/mattel-and-microsoft-reveal-aristotle-a-tabletop-digital-nanny-for-kids.html)

Bullying

Please view the following trailer for a movie on bullying. Consider bullying as part of the school context, both as a barrier to education and as a social issue affecting healthy development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1g9RV9OKhg&feature=emb_logo>

Please review this document discussing strategies for addressing bullying in schools. Pay special attention to how social and emotional learning are addressed and compare it to what you know about social and emotional development in middle childhood.

[SEL and Bullying Prevention (Links to an external site.)](https://casel.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/3_SEL_and_Bullying_Prevention_2009.pdf)

**But, is it REALLY bullying?**

With the heightened attention that bullying has been getting over recent years, many parents are particularly sensitive to the warning signs of bullying behavior. Being aware of the problem is great, but knowing how to assess the situation is also important. Here is an example of some information directed at parents to help them figure out when it's a true bullying situation.

[Understanding the difference between rude, mean, and bullying behavior (Links to an external site.)](http://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/2188819?ncid=engmodushpmg00000003)

Parenting Compassionate Children

Please review the following article about parenting with the following questions in mind: What is a parent's role in preventing bullying? At what age does this need to start?

Also consider gender identity and development. As you have discovered, girls tend to develop relational aggression (as opposed to physical aggression like most boys), but not all girls and boys fit these roles. Regardless of gender, consider these ideas about how to raise compassionate children:

[Raising "Includers" instead of "Mean Girls" (Links to an external site.)](https://www.lisamccrohan.com/2014/09/raising-girls-who-are-includers-instead-of-mean-girls/)