Longitudinal Prediction of Resilience in Children:

Social Constraints on Developmental Success

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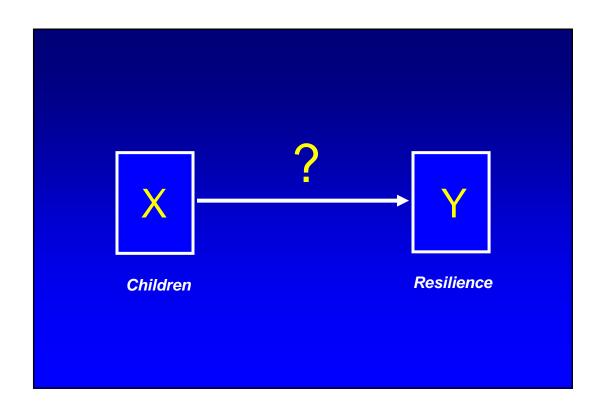
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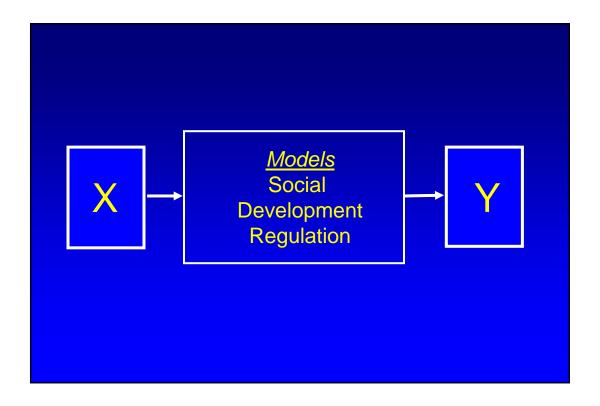
Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, and threats.

It means "bouncing back" from difficult experiences.

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Seeking Resilience: Issues

- 1. Defining Resilience
- 2. Defining Challenge
- 3. Can Individual Resilience Overcome Social Challenge?
- 4. Promoting Resilience
- 5. Afterthoughts

Seeking Resilience: Issue 1

Defining Resilience

Definitions of Resilience

- Adaptive response to extraordinary challenge
 - General Catastrophies—war, earthquakes
 - Personal Catastrophies—death, divorce
- Similar to adaptive response to ordinary challenge
 - General Challenges—school/3 R's/
 - Personal Challenges—siblings

Definitions of Resilience

- What is relation of adaptation to *extraordinary* challenge to adaptation to *ordinary* challenge
- Premorbid competence predicts postmorbid competence
 - Schizophrenia
 - Postpartum Depression
 - Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Operationalization of Resilience

- Resourcefulness
 - Ability to solve problems, bounce back
- Intelligence (APA Report)
 - Adapt effectively to the environment
 - Learn from experience
 - Overcome obstacles by taking thought

Operationalization of Resilience

- Mental health
 - Everyday adaptations to varying situations
- Mental illness
 - Lack of everyday adaptation
 - Behavior does not change with situation
 - Poor Regulation of Affect (Depression, Anxiety)
 - Poor Regulation of Behavior (Aggression, Hyperactivity
 - Poor Regulation of Cognition (Attention Problems)

Sources of Resilience

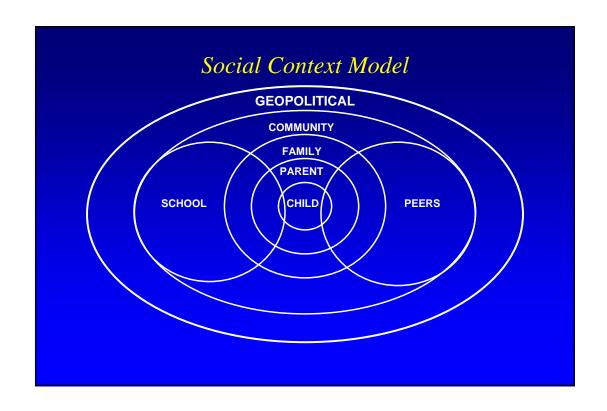
- Characteristics of Individual
 - Resourcefulness
 - Intelligence
 - Mental Health
- Characteristics of Context
 - Risk Factors
 - Promotive Factors

Seeking Resilience: Issue 2

Defining Challenge

Rochester Longitudinal Study

- N~250 Families
- Data Waves
 - Infancy
 - Preschool
 - Adolescence
 - Adulthood



Ecological Influences

• Child - Parent Child-Parent Interaction

Developmental Knowledge

• Parent Psychiatric History

Parent Anxiety

Education

• Family HH Occupation

Family Size Single Parent

• Social Stressful Life Events

Minority Status

Multiple Risk Scale

Contextual Factor High Risk Condition

Child-Parent Interaction 25% Worst
Developmental Knowledge 25% Least

Parent Psychiatric Contacts 2 or More

Parent Anxiety 25% Most

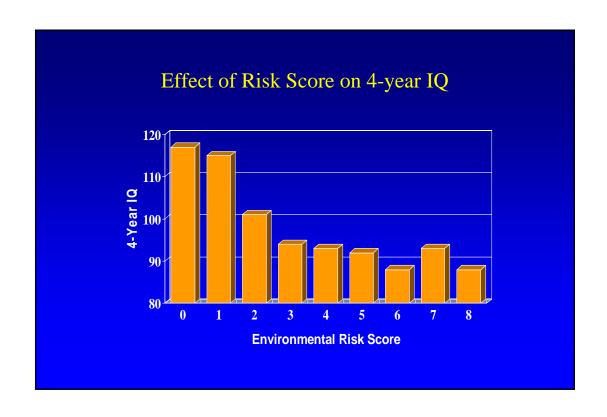
HH Education No HS Degree
HH Occupation Semi-Skilled

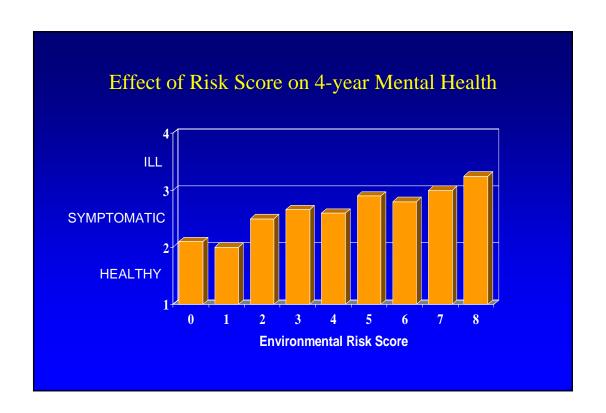
Family Size 4+ Children

Social Support Father Absent

Stressful Life Events 25% Most

Minority Status Yes



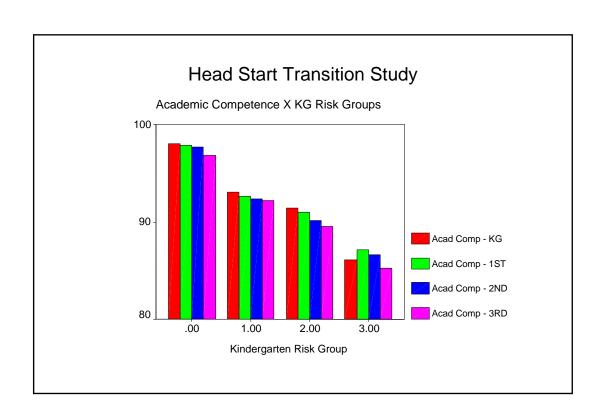


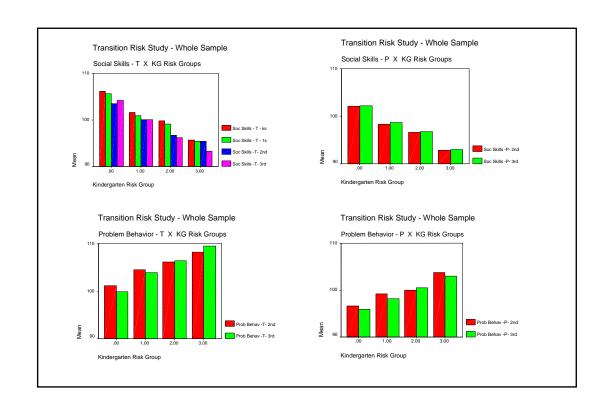
Risk Factor Combinations & IQ Mental Health Anxiety • Cluster 1— 97.7 Social Support Education Mental Health Interaction • Cluster 2— 94.6 Anxiety Single Parent • Cluster 3— 94.7 Minority Occupation • Cluster 4— 93.7 Education Knowledge Education • Cluster 5— 92.8

Going to Scale

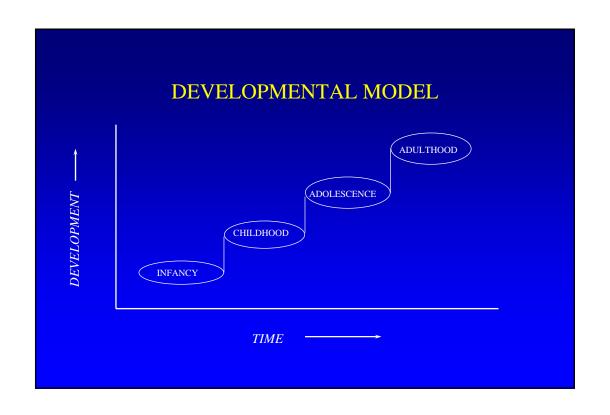
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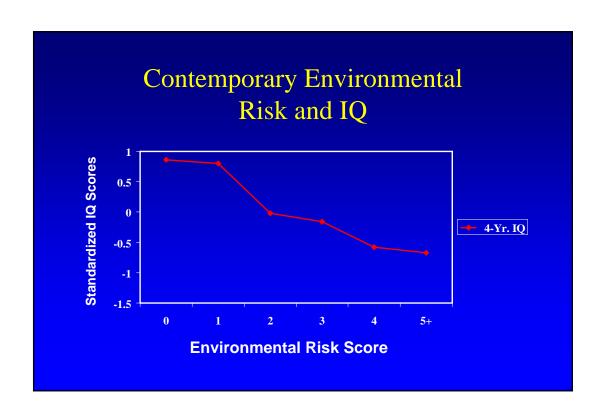
- 7,515 Children
- 31 Programs in 30 States
- Longitudinal Study from Kindergarten to 3rd Grade
- 14 Risk Factors

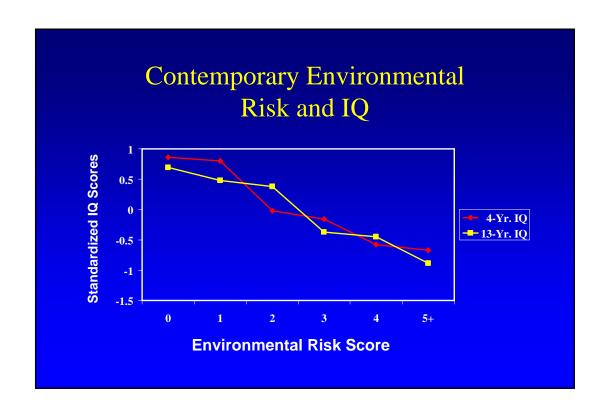


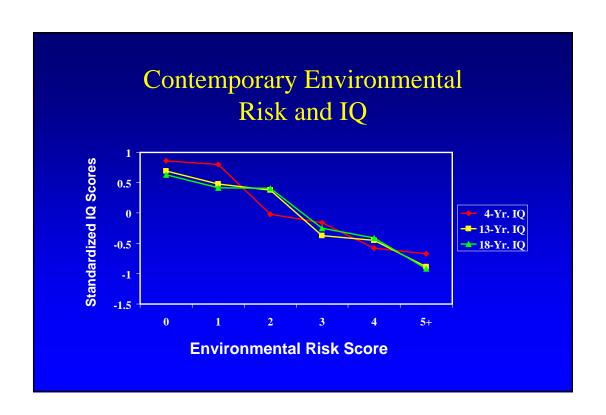


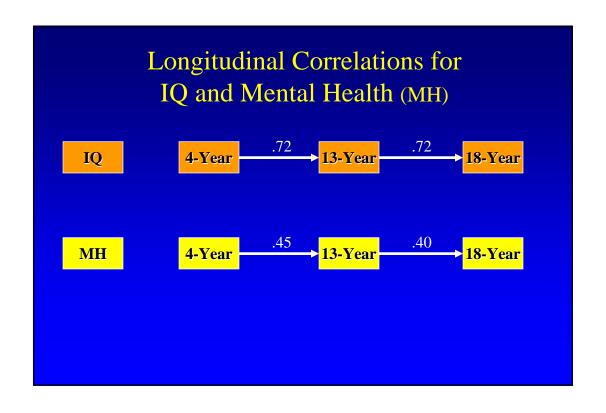


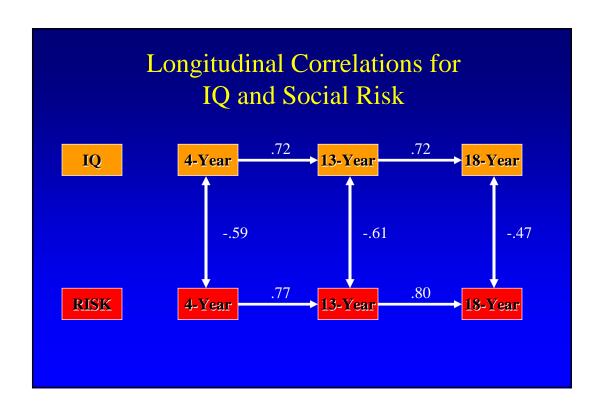












Seeking Resilience: Issue 3

Can Individual Resilience Overcome Social Challenge?

Rochester Longitudinal Study

- Infant Competencies
- Preschool Competencies
- Adolescent Competencies
- Adult Competencies

Infant Competence

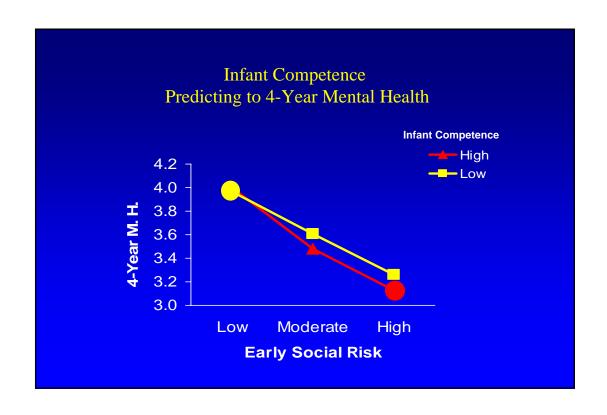
- Obstetrical Problems (ROS)
- Newborn Pediatric Problems (ROS)
- Newborn Behavioral Scores (NBAS)
- 4-Month Temperament (Carey)
- 4-Month Development Scores (Bayley)
- 12-Month Development Scores (Bayley)

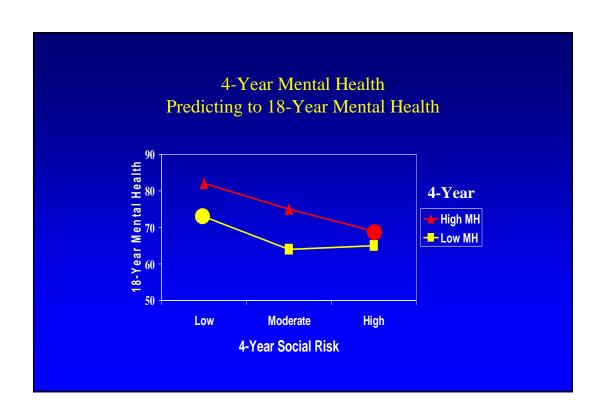
High Resilience

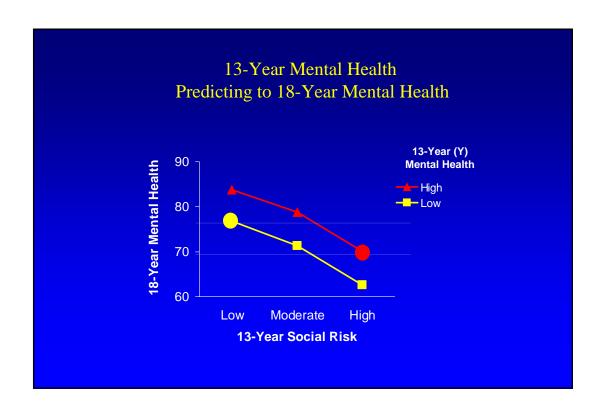


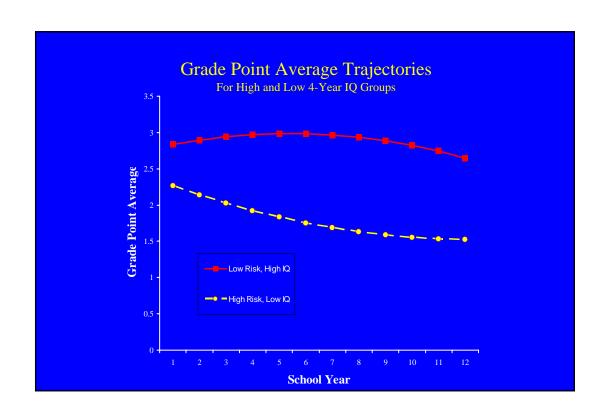
Low Resilience

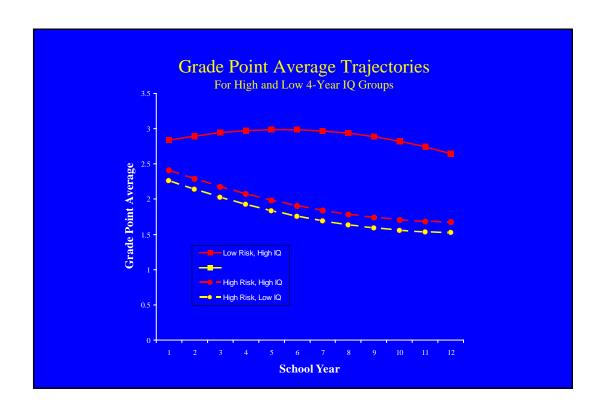


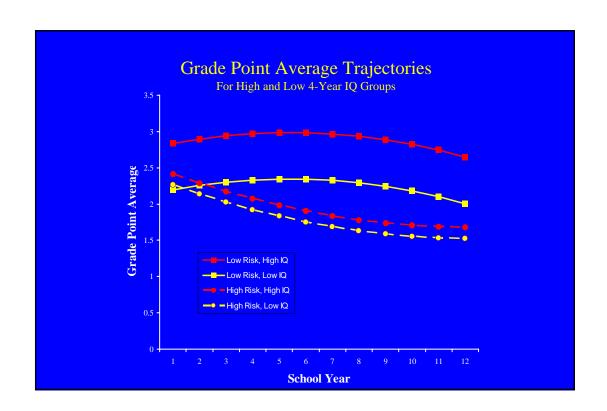


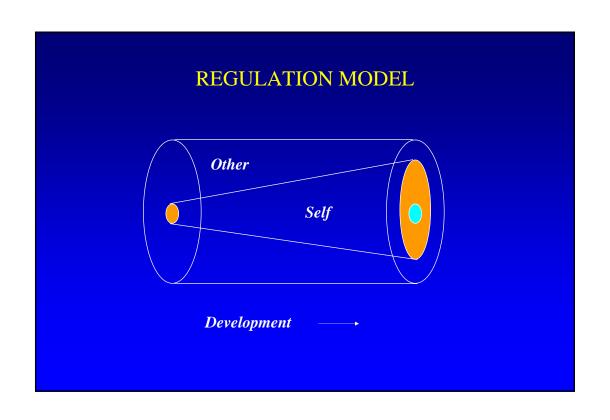


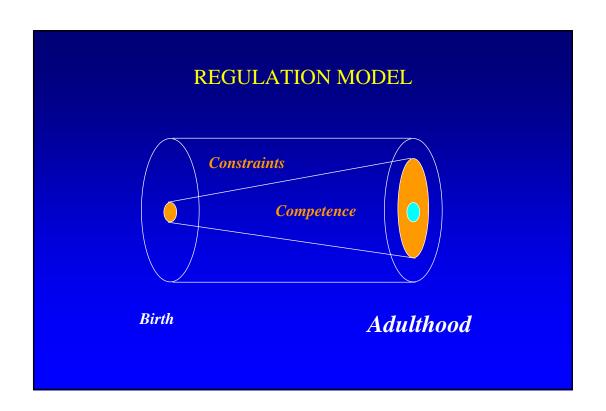


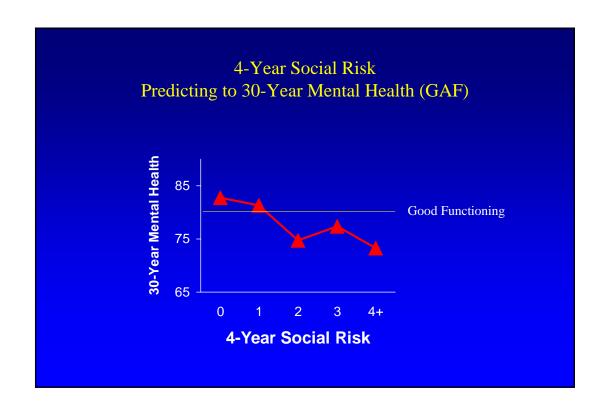


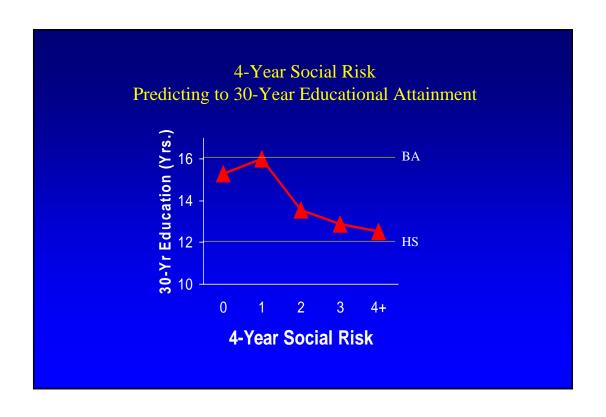


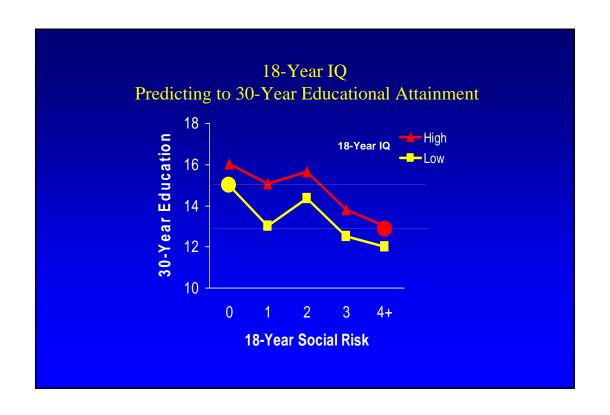


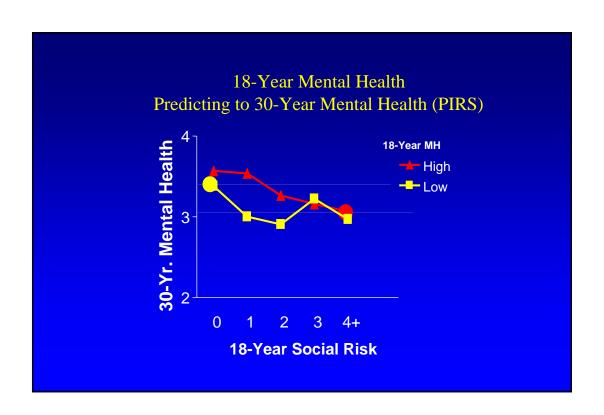


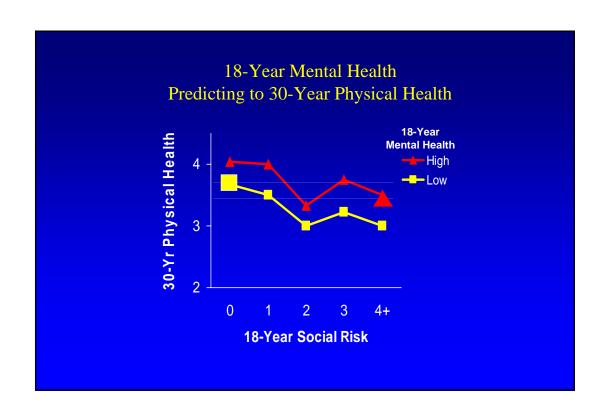




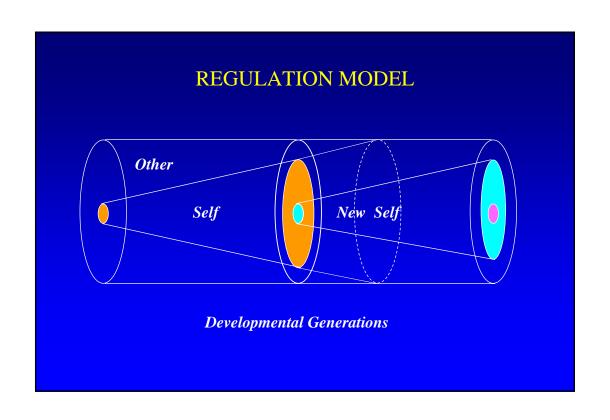


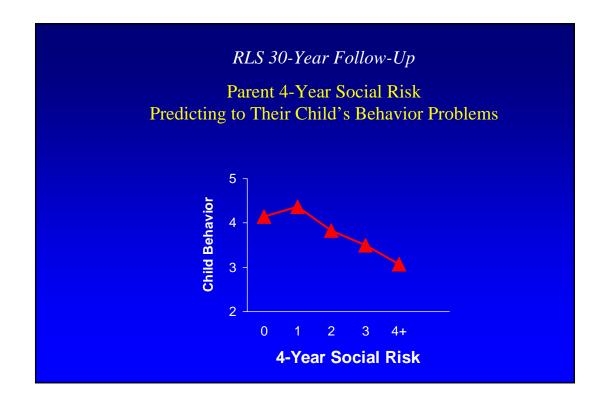


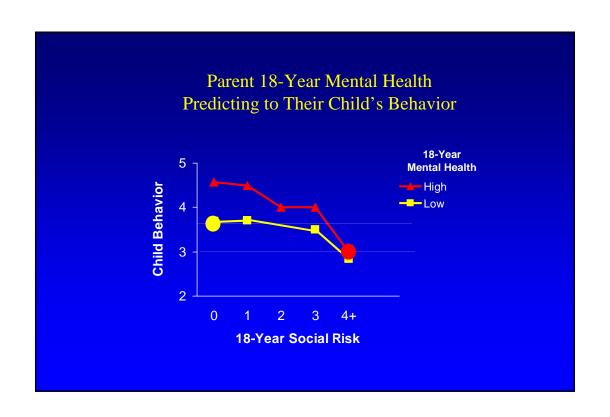




Unto the Next Generation







Seeking Resilience: Issue 4 Promoting Resilience

Philadelphia Adolescent Development Study

- Study of Adolescents
 500 11- to 14-year olds
 Urban Setting
- Multiple Competencies
- Multiple Challenges

Indicators of Adolescent Resilience

• Psychological Adjustment Depression

Anger

Self-Esteem

• Few Problem Behaviors Substance Use

Early Sexuality
Delinquency

Violence

• Academic Competence Grades

Environmental Risk Factors

Proximal

- Parent-Child Interaction
- Parent Characteristics
- Family Structure & Economy
- Family Management
- Peers
- Community

Distal

Parent-Child Interaction

Support for Autonomy Control of Behavior Family Emotional Climate

Parent Characteristics

Education
Sense of Efficacy
Problem Solving Ability
Mental Health

Family Structure & Economy

Marital Status
Household Crowding
Income Level
Welfare Status

Family Management

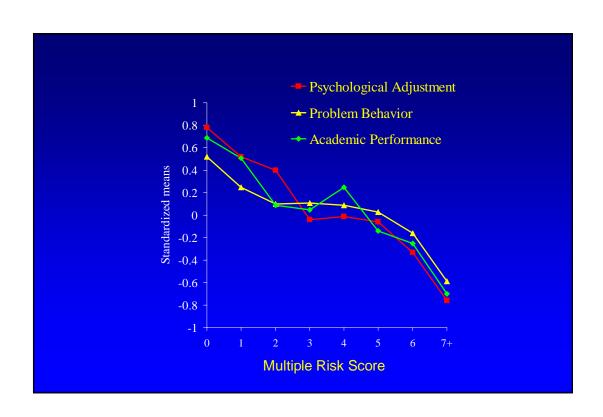
Investment in Promoting Child Community Involvement Availability of Social Support Stressful Life Events

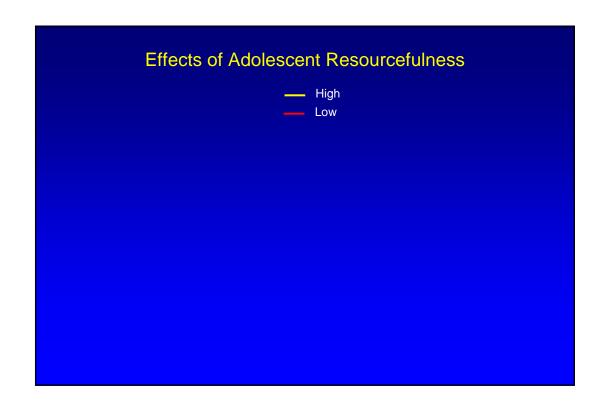
Peers

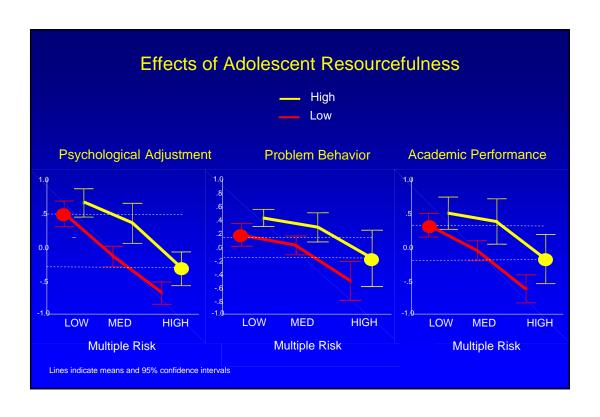
Contact with Prosocial Peers Contact with Antisocial Peers

Community

Neighborhood Resources Neighborhood Problems School Quality



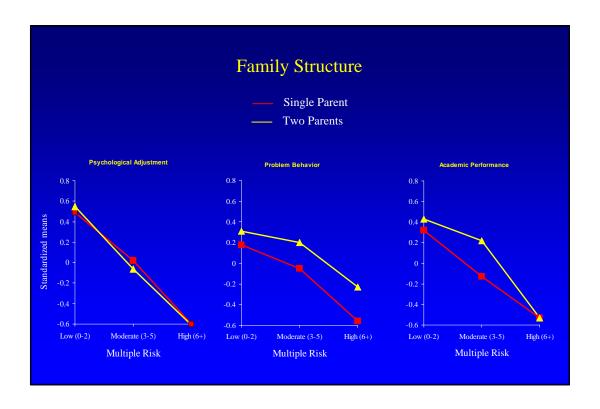


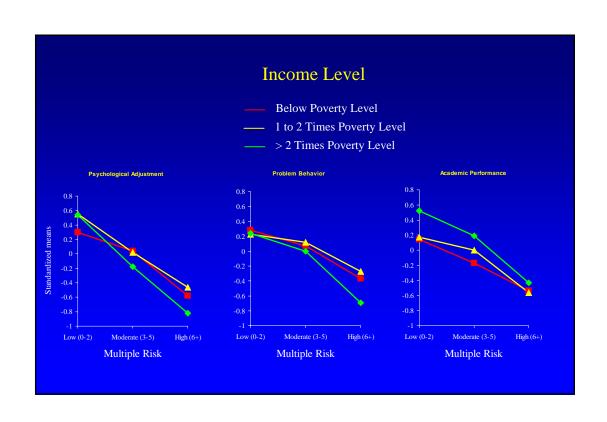


Political Strategies for Social Intervention

Conservatives----Preserve the Family

Liberals-----Eliminate Poverty





Percent of Families in High and Low Risk Groups

Risk Group	Income			Family Structure	
	>\$10,000	<u>\$10-</u> <u>30,000</u>	>\$30,000	Single <u>Parent</u>	Two <u>Parents</u>
Low (0-3)	13%	35%	60%	34%	54%
High (8+)	44%	15%	6%	22%	7%

If single factors (money, parents) don't create resilience,

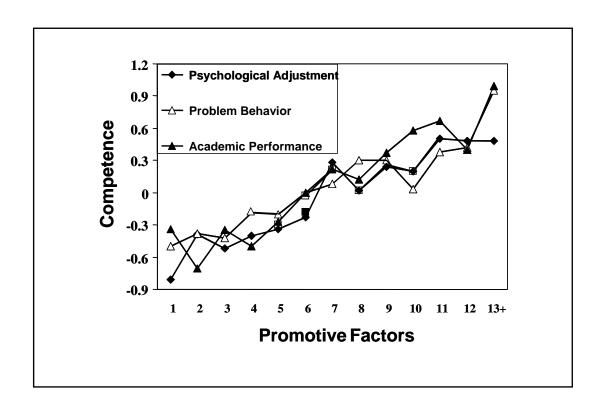
What about multiple factors?

Promotive Factors for Resilience (20 Assets instead of 20 Risks)

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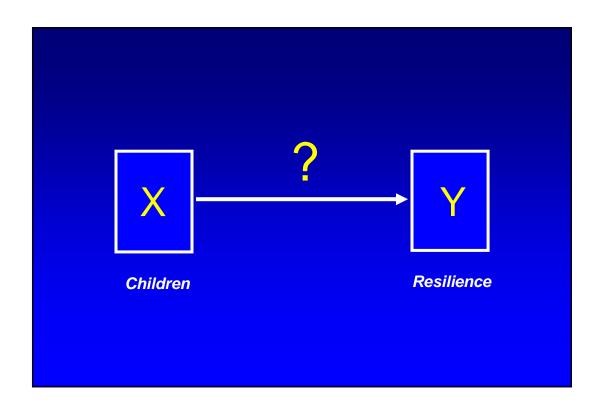
Conclusions about Resilience

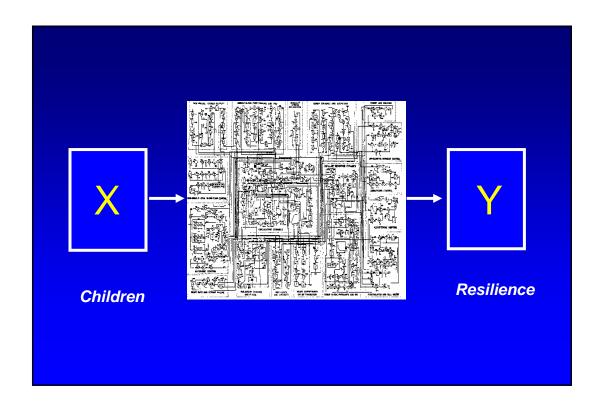
In a population:

no *single* factor is either necessary or sufficient to reduce *resilience* or to increase *resilience*

Accumulation of *risk factors* reduces *resilience*

Accumulation of *promotive factors* increases *resilience*





Rochester Longitudinal Study

- Infancy
 - Melvin Zax
 - Ronald Seifer
- Early Childhood Adulthood
 - Ronald Seifer
 - Ralph Barocas

- Adolescence
 - Alfred Baldwin
 - Clare Baldwin
 - Tim Kasser
- - Tim Kasser
 - Katherine Rosenblum

National Head Start/Public School Early Childhood Transition Demonstration Study

Steve Peck Craig Ramey Sharon Ramey

Philadelphia Adolescent Development Study

Todd Bartko
Jacque Eccles
Frank Furstenberg
Tom Cook
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