The effect of poverty on child development and educational outcomes

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Unhealthy children: Children living below the poverty threshold are unhealthier than nonpoor children due to less nutritious food supplies and access to good healthcare service. Effect of poverty on child development. A child develops better where there are a good family structure and quality parenting. The inability of parents to purchase resources and goods, schools, food, housing, and safe environments necessary for their child's development may result into higher parent psychological distress, parenting stress, and reduced ability to provide effective caregiving. And this may affect the child...


Why is early childhood poverty so important? “Most poor children achieve less, exhibit more behavior problems, and are less healthy than children reared in more affluent families.” (Duncan, Magnuson, Kalil, Ziol-Guest)

Poverty and Behavioral Problems How does poverty affect behavior in children? Behavior problems primarily arise from family factors, such as poverty, education, parenting practices, and family structure. Poverty can often predict the occurrence of hyperactivity and antisocial behavior. “Family Capital” Family capital = the investment in one's family and children.

The effects of poverty on children are wide-reaching and can lead to lifelong struggles, especially when young people don't receive full educations. Poverty and education are inextricably linked, because people living in poverty may stop going to school so they can work, which leaves them without literacy and numeracy skills they need to further their careers. Their children, in turn, are in a similar situation years later, with little income and few options but to leave school and work. ChildFund aims to help families escape the cycle of poverty through various educational and livelihood prog...