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**Abstract**

*Adverse home circumstances can have lifelong effects on children. Poor parenting leads to a series of biological effects which can potentially compromise health and educational attainment, and increase risk of criminal behaviour. Young people who experience adversity in the home can face a difficult future which could lead, in turn, to adverse effects on their own children. Chaotic homes can, therefore, affect the life chances of subsequent generations. Improving health, reducing crime and enhancing attainment in society requires provision of support for families to improve the ability of parents to nurture babies and support children as they grow.*

**See publication: "The Home: Multidisciplinary Reflections"**

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