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Longitudinal Empathy Trajectories at Urban Community Child Centers and the Effects of Adolescents' Experience of Discrimination

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Learning Goal:

This study aimed to explore the importance of empathic worker-adolescents-relationship at urban community child centers.

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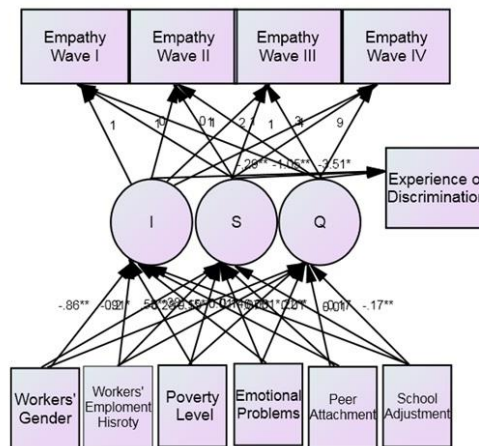
Objectives: The present study investigated the longitudinal empathy trajectories of social workers and adolescents relationship at urban community child centers gathered from the Korean Panel of Community Child Centers.

Methods: Adolescents-reported level of poverty, emotional problems, peer attachment, school adjustment, behavior of being discriminated and four times of empathic workers and adolescents relation were examined, and also workers' gender and years of workers' employment history were examined. This study utilized latent growth model as a major analytic method.

Results: Findings were as follows: First, four times longitudinal empathy trajectories of workers and adolescents relationship were quadratic patterns. Second, workers' gender, adolescents' perceived level of poverty, peer attachment, and school adjustment had significantly important to the initial level of longitudinal empathy trajectories of workers and adolescents relationship. Workers' gender, years of workers' employment history, adolescents' emotional problems, and school adjustment explained the slope and quadratic changes of longitudinal empathy trajectories of social workers and adolescents relationship. Third, empathy trajectories of social workers and adolescents relationship latent growth model explained adolescents' experience of discrimination.

Conclusions: Based on these results, this study discusses the importance of empathic relationship among workers and adolescents and practical implications for preventing discrimination attending urban community child centers.

Keywords: longitudinal empathy trajectories of social workers and adolescents relationship, urban community child center, latent growth model, adolescents' experience of discrimination.



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