

The Childhood Trauma and Late Adolescent Rejection Sensitivity

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ABSTRACT The prime aim of this study is to examine the relationship between childhood trauma and rejection sensitivity. The study group comprised of 882 late adolescents (423 female; 459 male) who were studying different major fields at the School of Physical Education and Sports and Faculty of Education in Mugla Sitki Kocman University. Data was collected by using the brief screening version of the Childhood Trauma Questionnaire and Rejection Sensitivity Questionnaire. Pearson product-moment correlation analysis was employed to search for relationship between childhood trauma and rejection sensitivity. The structural equation modeling was also used for explaining rejection sensitivity. It was found that there was a positive relationship between rejection sensitivity and physical abuse, emotional abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect, and sexual abuse subdimensions of childhood trauma. As a result of the present study, the researcher observed that childhood trauma is an important risk factor to identify in late adolescents with rejection sensitivity.