Childhood Adversity, Daily Stress, and Marital Strain in Same- and Different-Sex Marriages

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Why Include Same-Sex Couples?

• Research on heterosexual marriages
  • Assumes gender differences

• Different marital dynamics
  • Interactions differ within gay, lesbian, and heterosexual relationships

• Nuanced analyses
  • Men with Men, Men with Women, Women with Men, Women with Women
Standard Scores of Childhood Adversity, Daily Stress, and Marital Strain
Daily Non-Marital Stress is Associated with Marital Strain

![Graph showing the association between daily non-marital stress and marital strain across different groups (MM, MW, WM, WW).]
Childhood Adversity Moderates the Impact of Daily Stress on Marital Strain
Thank You!

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