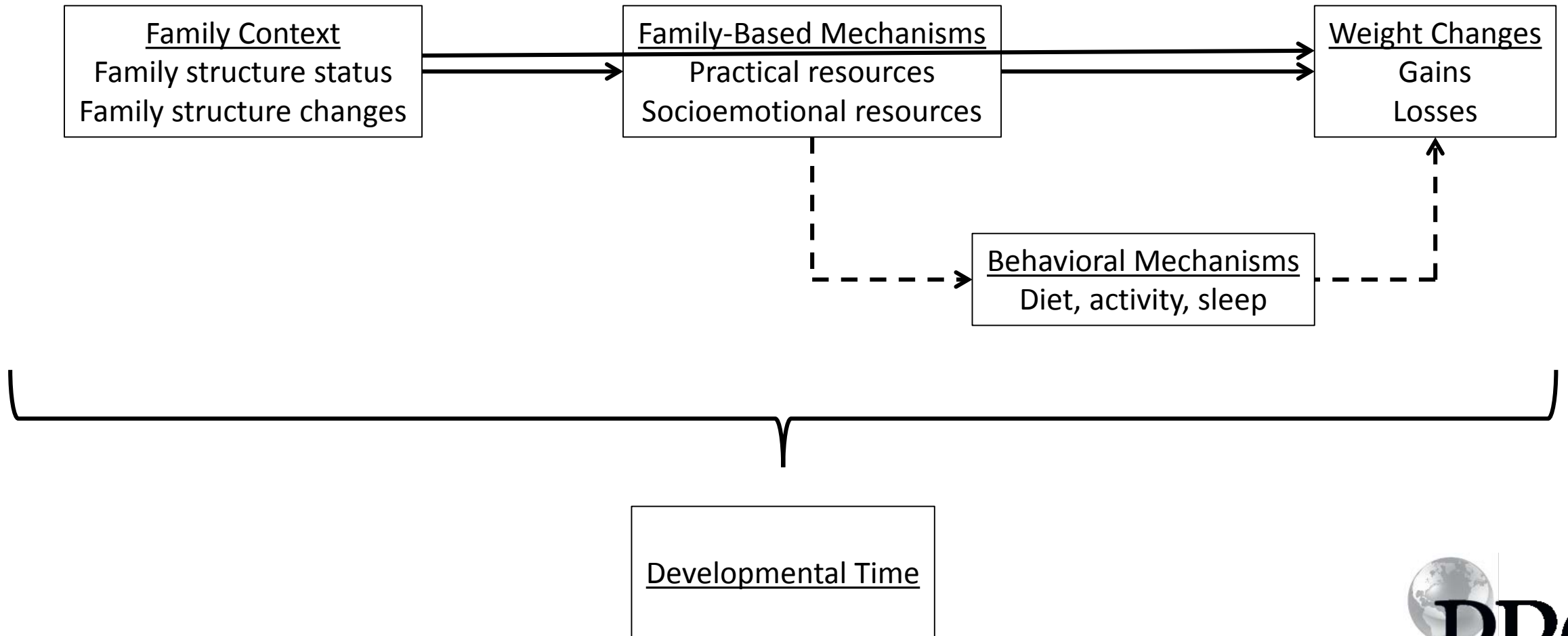


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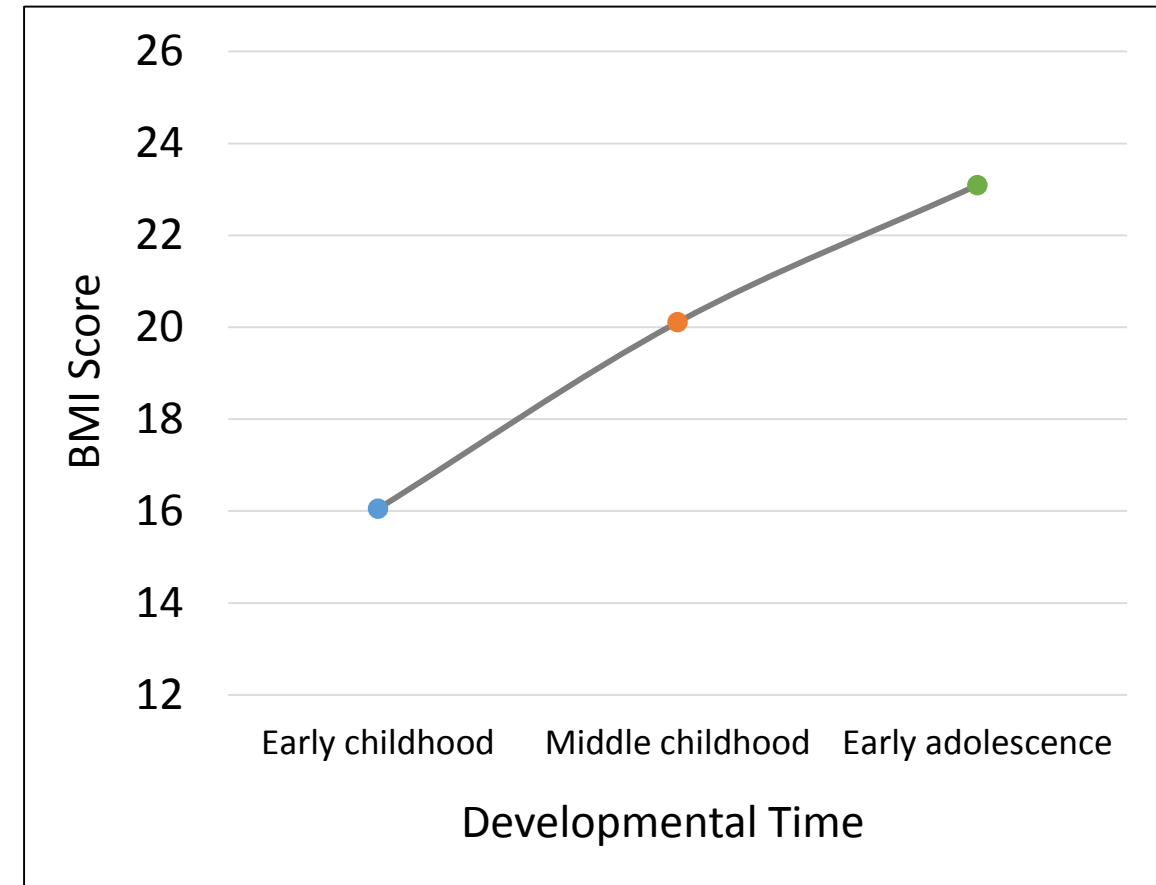
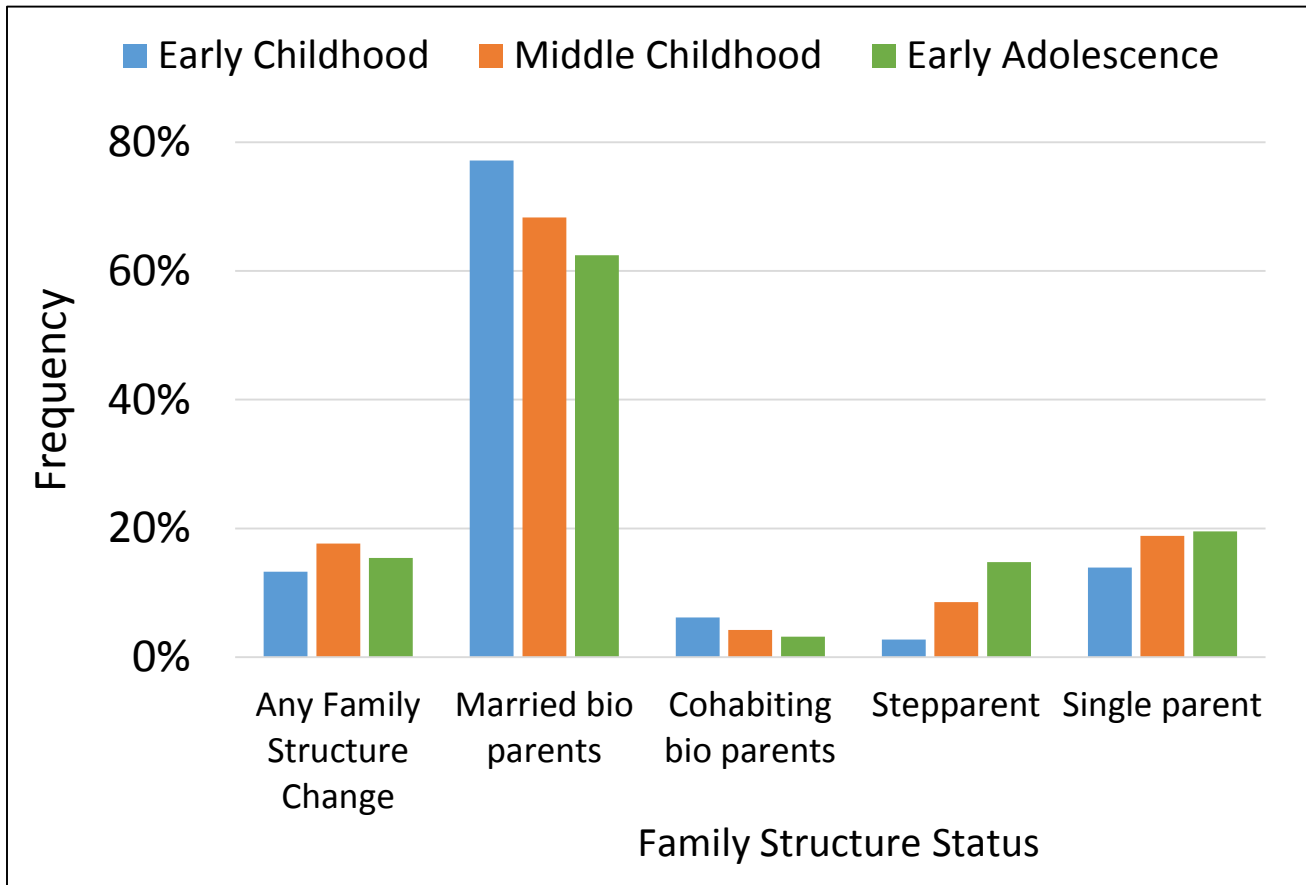


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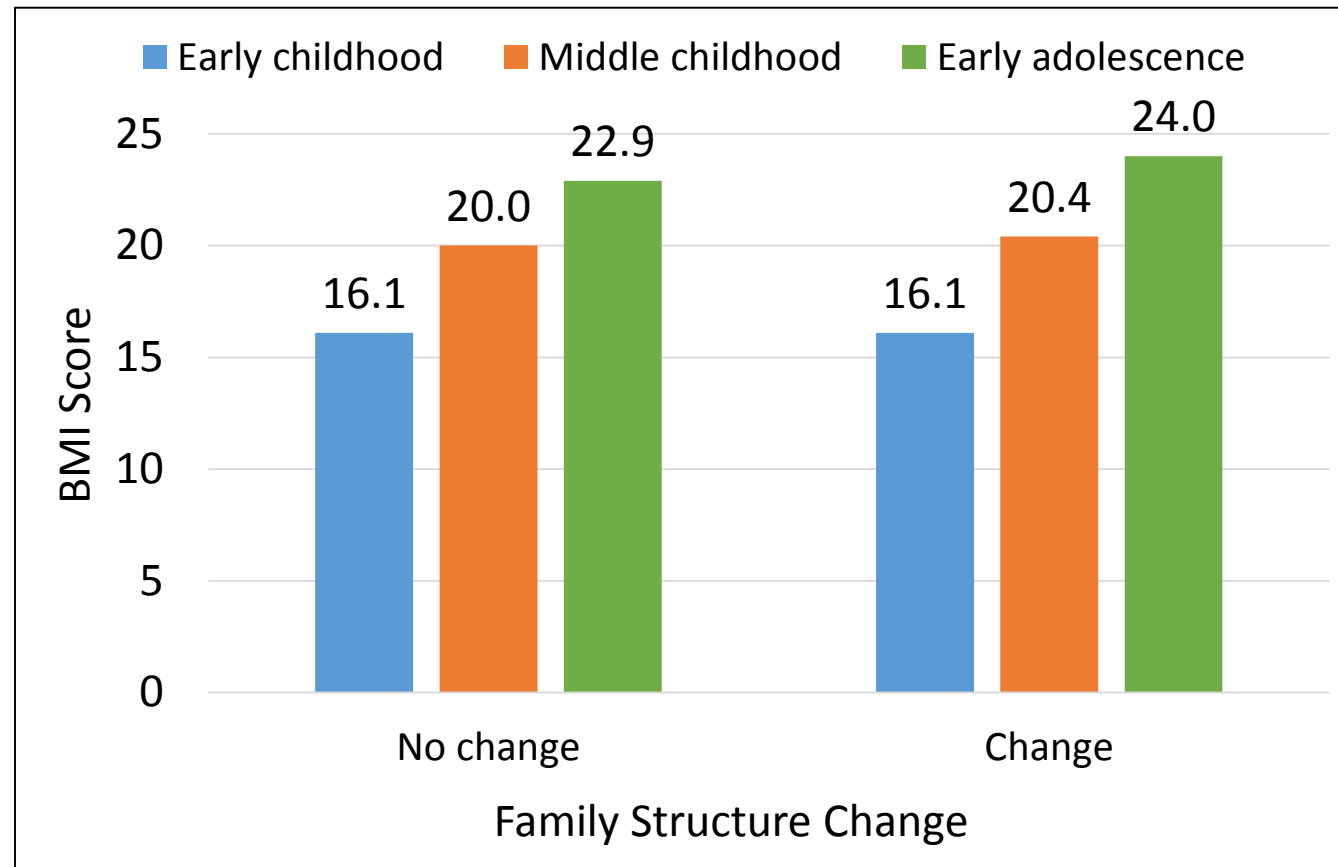
Descriptive Picture of Family Change and BMI

- Almost one-third of children ever experienced family structure change



Multivariate Results: Family Structure *Change*

- Baseline: Any family structure change → +0.48 change in BMI
- Variation:



Multivariate Results: Family Structure *Status*

- Baseline: Stepparent (vs. married bio parents) \rightarrow +0.77 change in BMI
- Variation:

