Biocultural bases of health and well-being in early-middle childhood: Recent field studies from the Americas.

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Children’s biology develops within "local ecologies" that are socially as much as physically created. This talk will report on recent field research in Mexico and the US exploring the biocultural contexts of two of the most common and concerning current conditions of middle childhood, ADHD and obesity. The role of caregivers (parents and teachers) in the construction of children’s health status is a particular focus.