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# Intergenerational transmission of child maltreatment: Understanding the reciprocal influence of caregiver depression and aggressive parenting across 12 years

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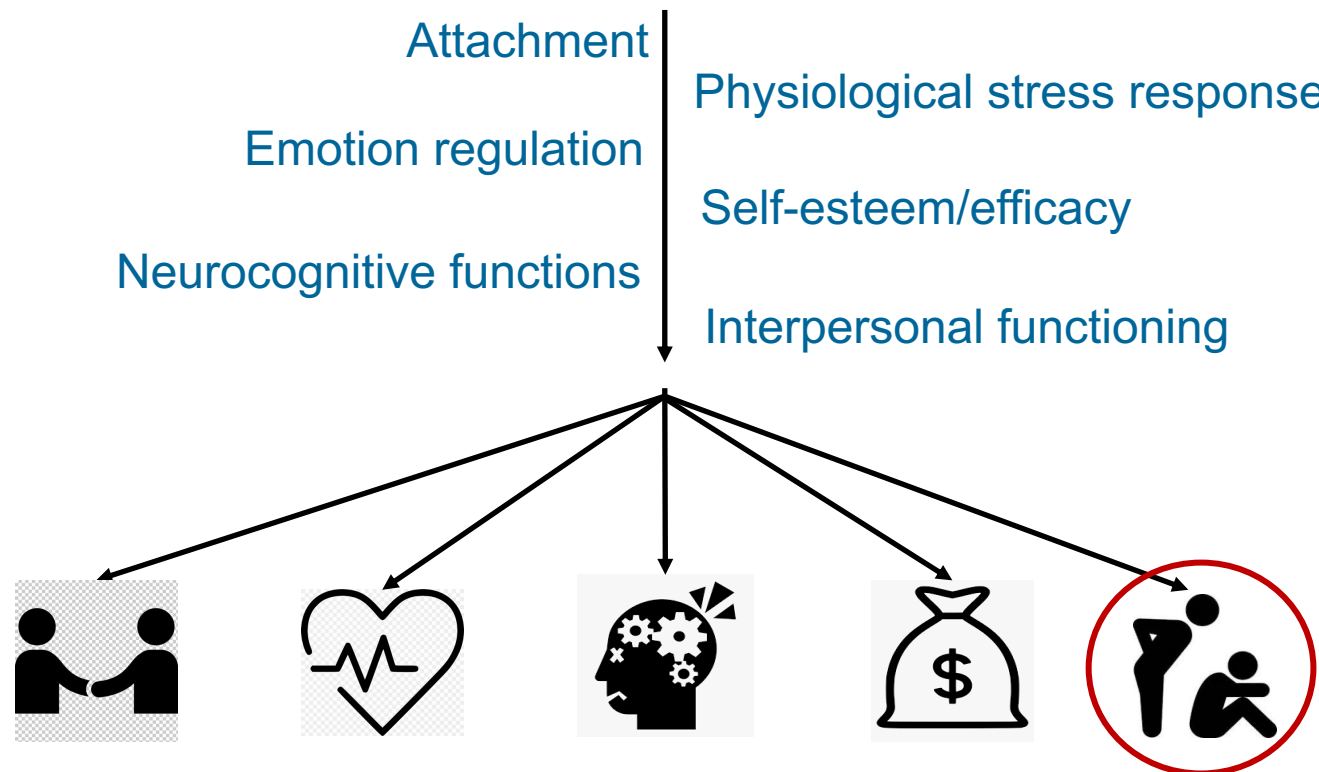
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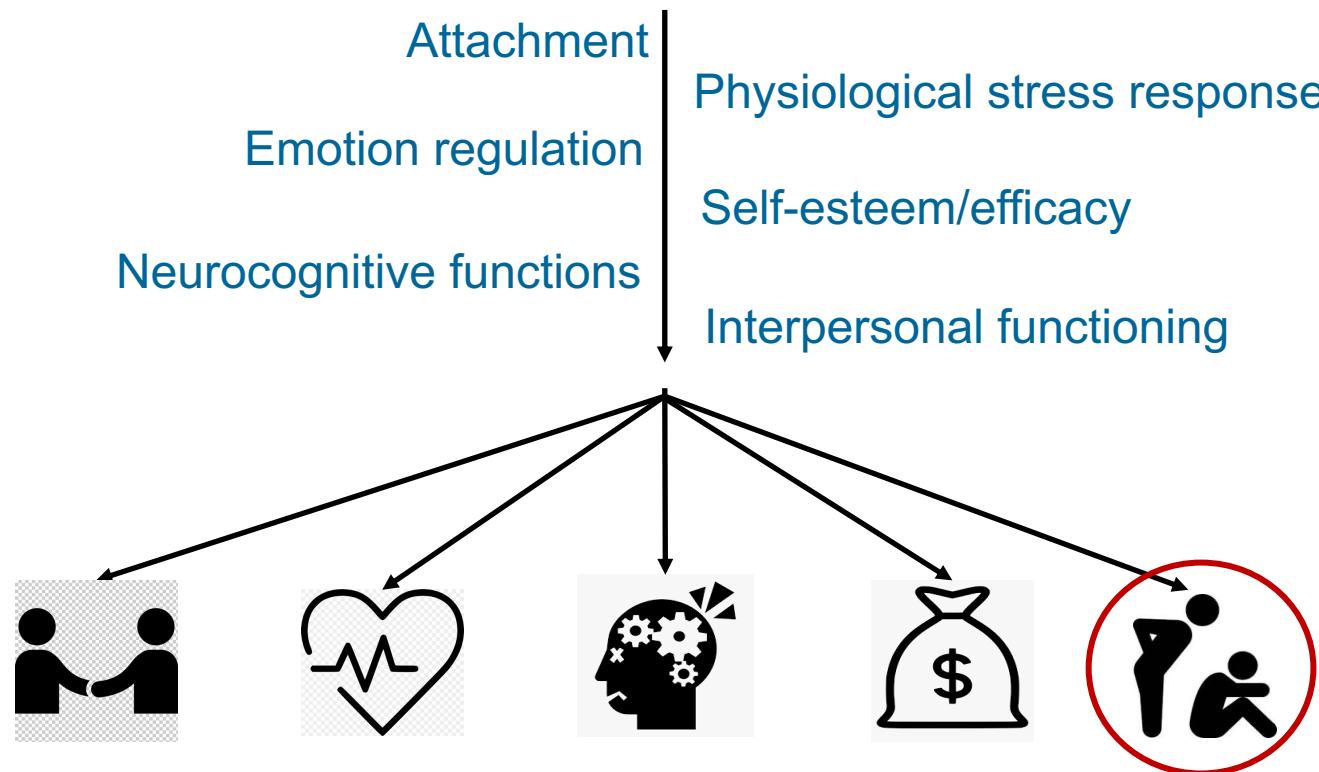
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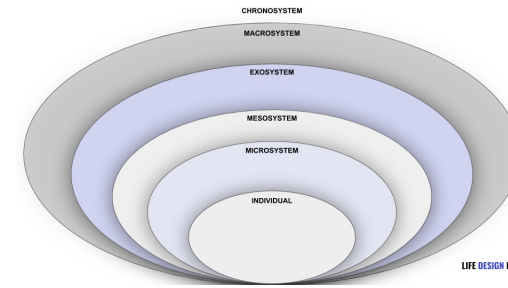
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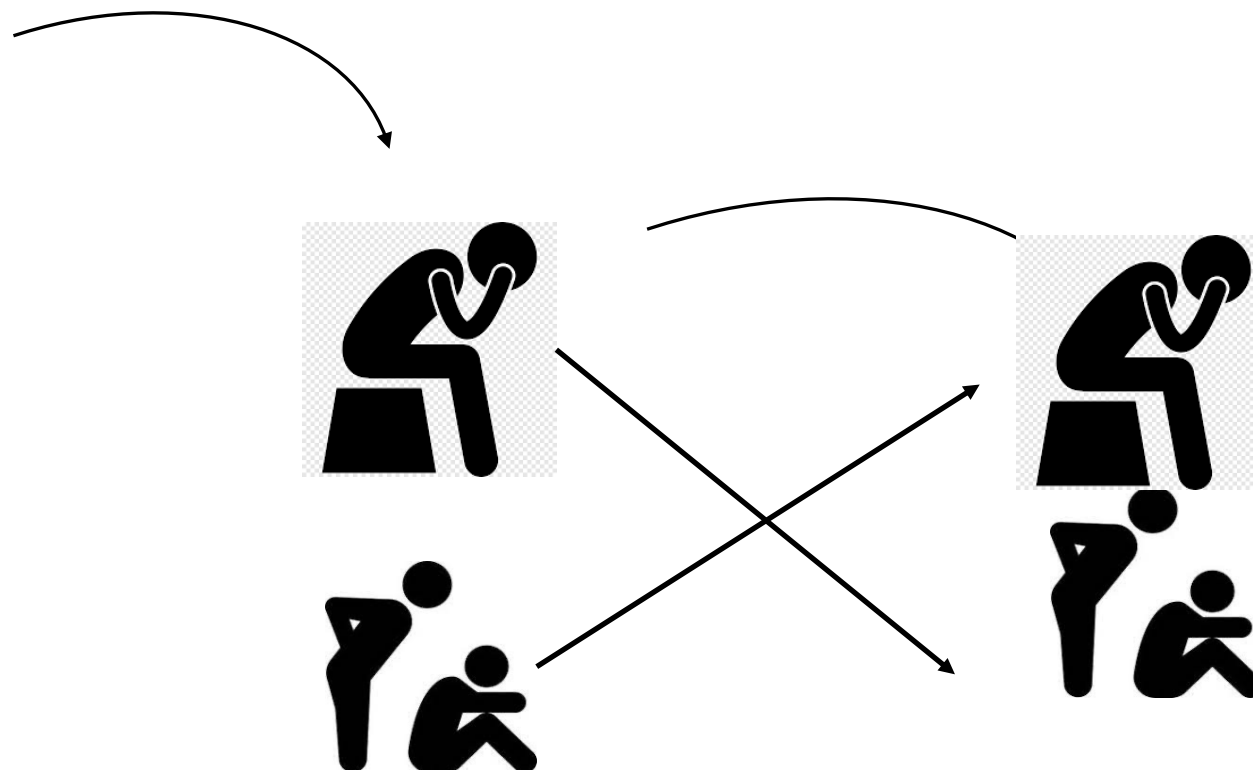


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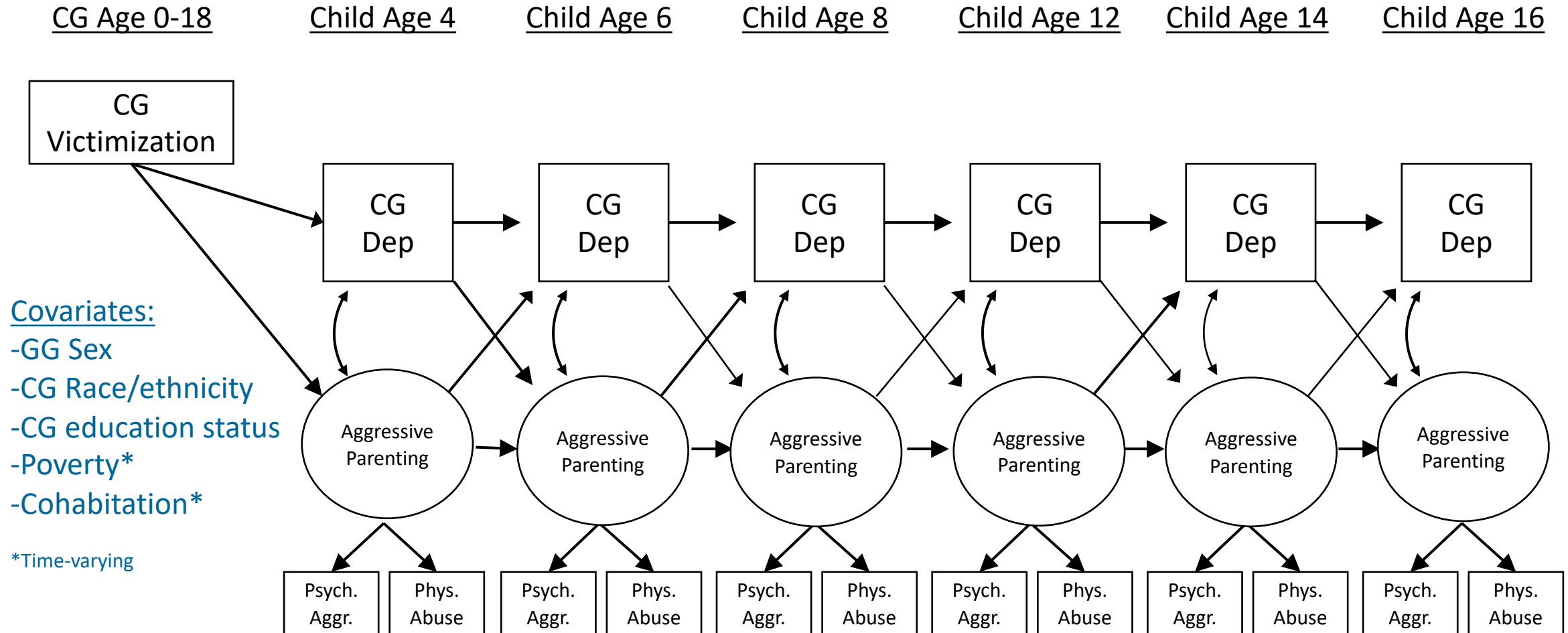
# Present Study

- Examined cross-lagged, bidirectional pathways from
  - (1) CG childhood abuse to...
  - (2) Depressive symptoms in adulthood to...
  - (3) Aggressive parenting
- Examined indirect effects (i.e., mediation)
- Panel data across 12 years, 6 timepoints:
  - Child age 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16 years.



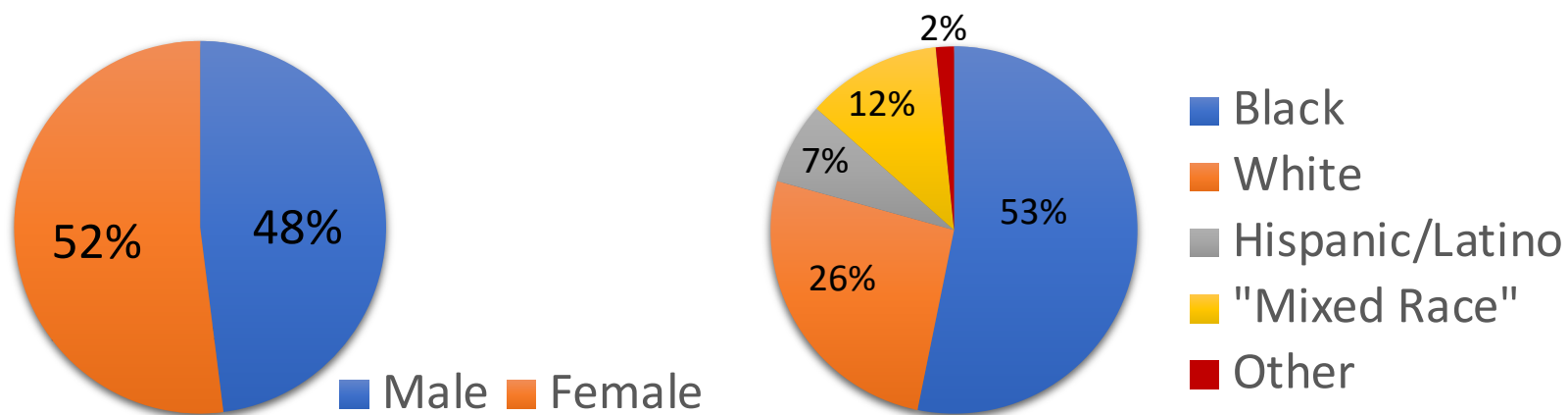


# Conceptual Model



# LONGSCAN Sample and Procedures

- Multi-site consortium of studies on causes/consequences of maltreatment
- Original sample: 1,354 children and their caregivers
  - Baseline to age 16 attrition = 38.4%
- Present study:  $N = 867$



# Measures

## Family Demographics

- Age, sex, race/ethnicity, poverty, high school, cohabitation status

## Maternal History of Abuse

- Mother's History of Loss and Harm questionnaire; count of 8 items

## Maternal Depressive Symptoms

- Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D)

## Mothers' Abusive Parenting Strategies

- Conflict Tactics Scale: Parent to Child (CTSPC)

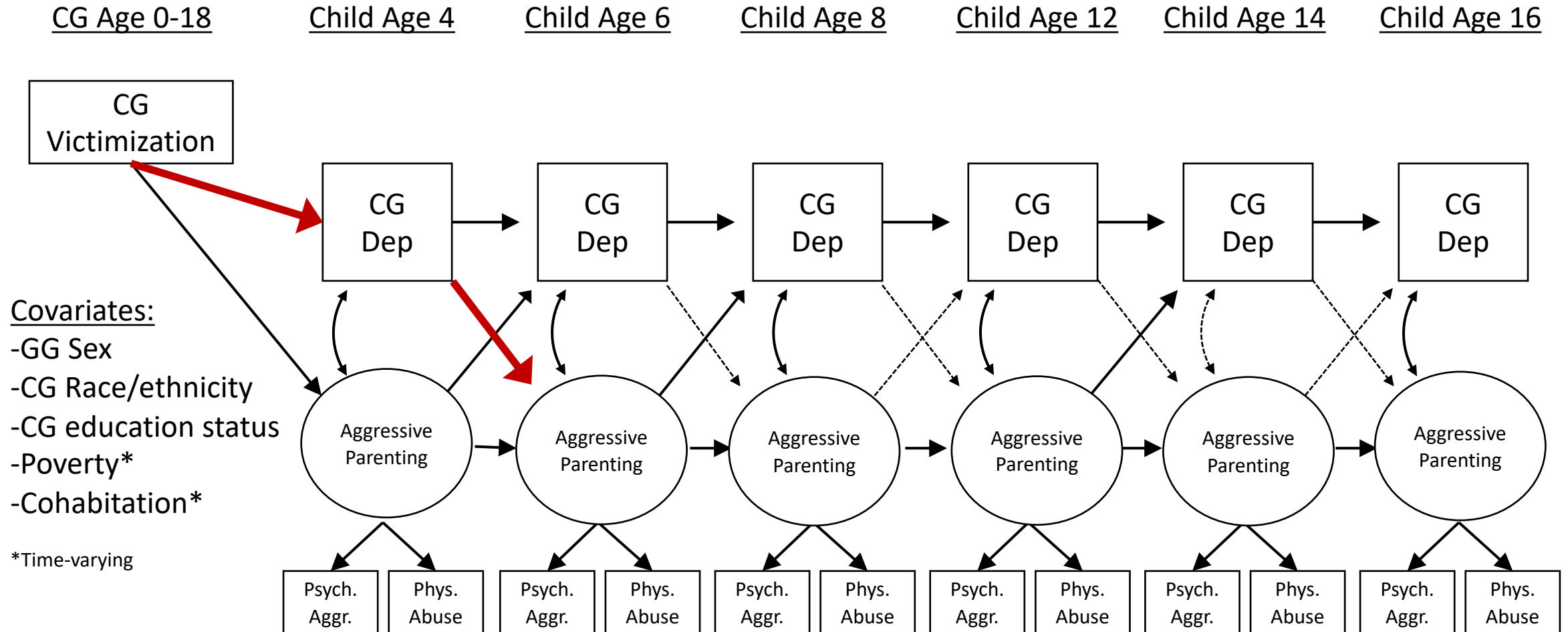


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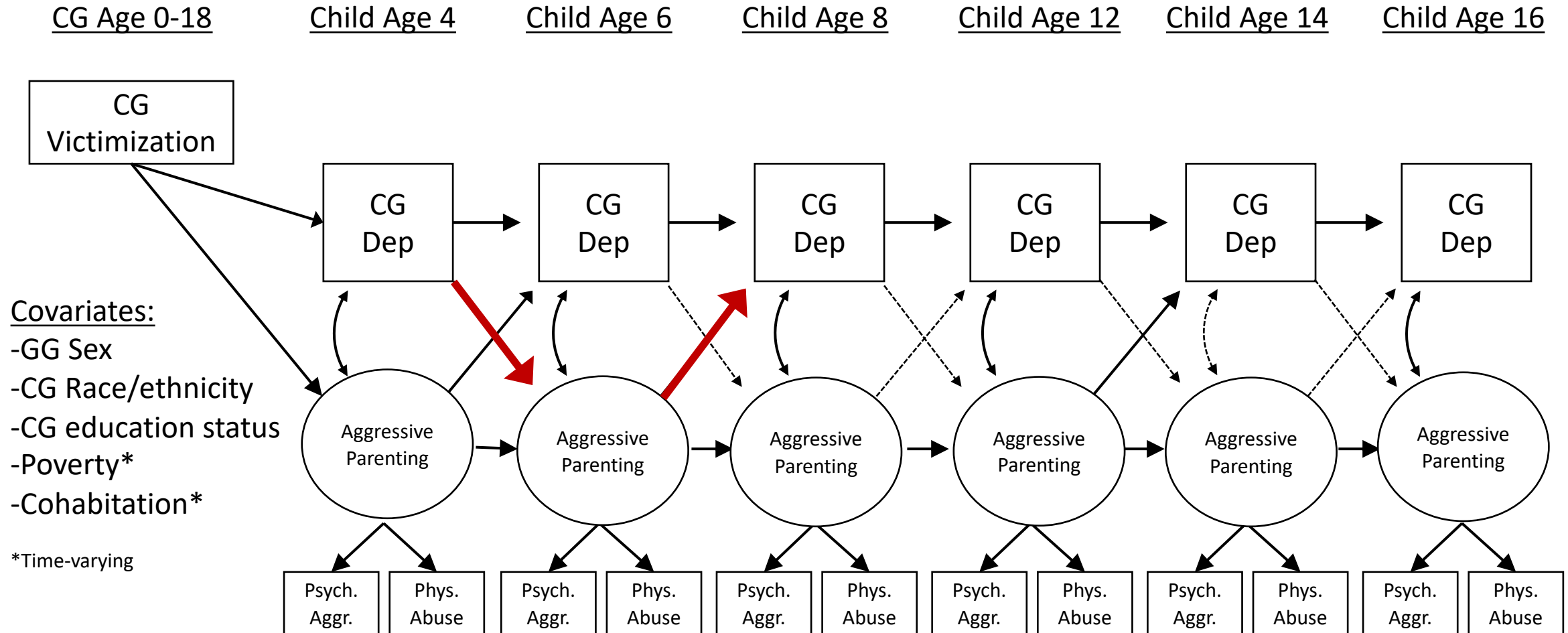
- Model Fit:
  - $\chi^2_{314} = 700.12, p < .001$
  - CFI = 0.95
  - TLI = 0.91
  - RMSEA = 0.038, 95% CI [0.034, 0.031]



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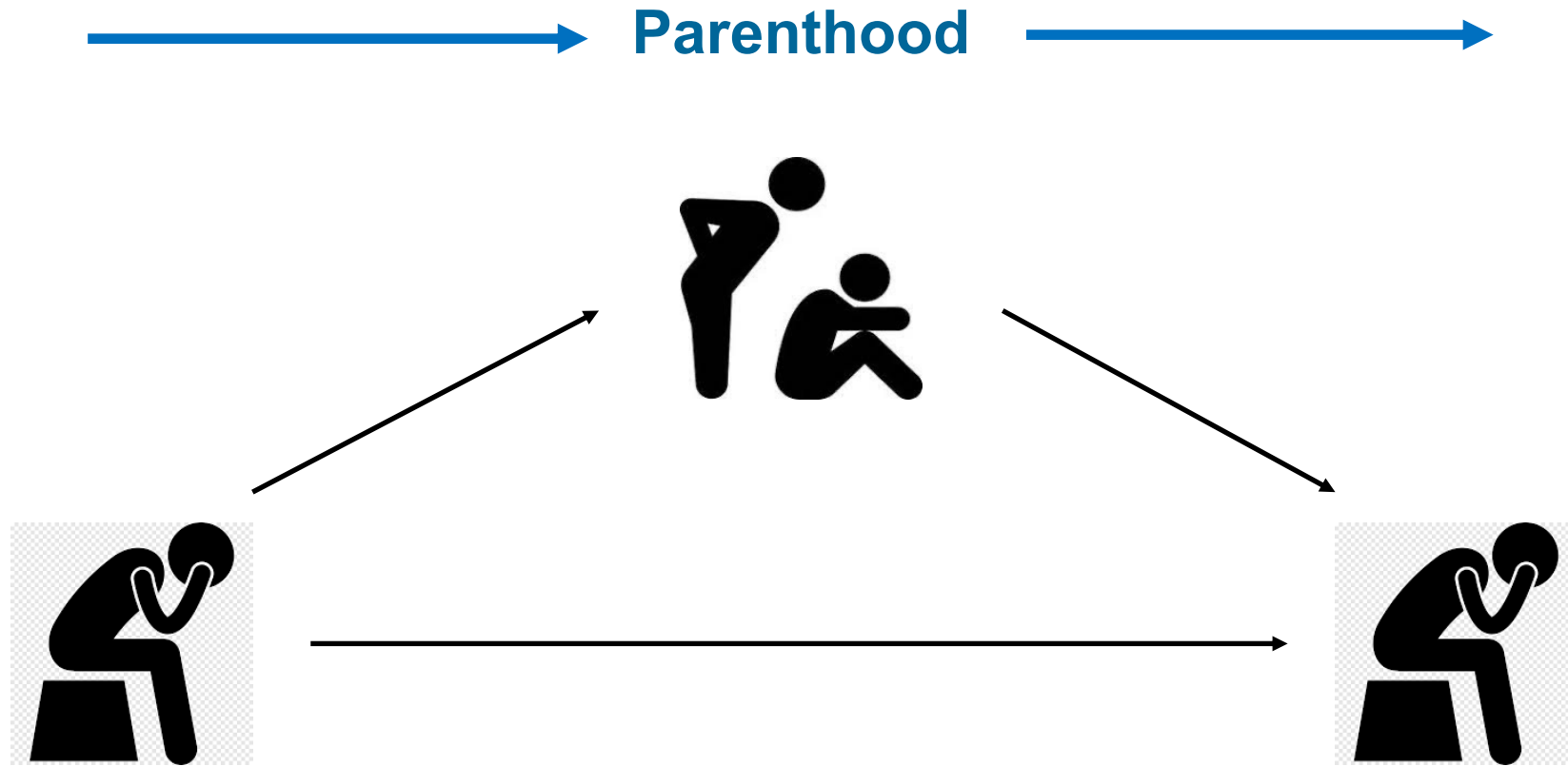
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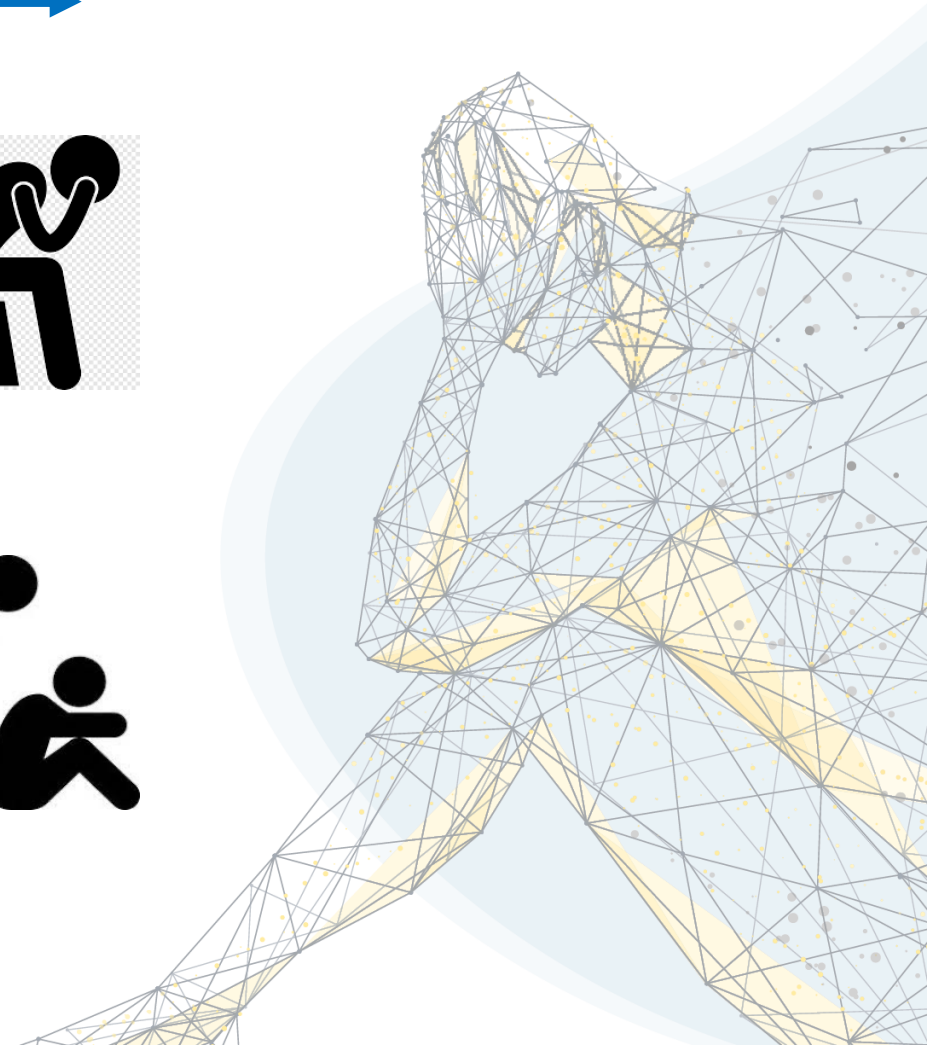
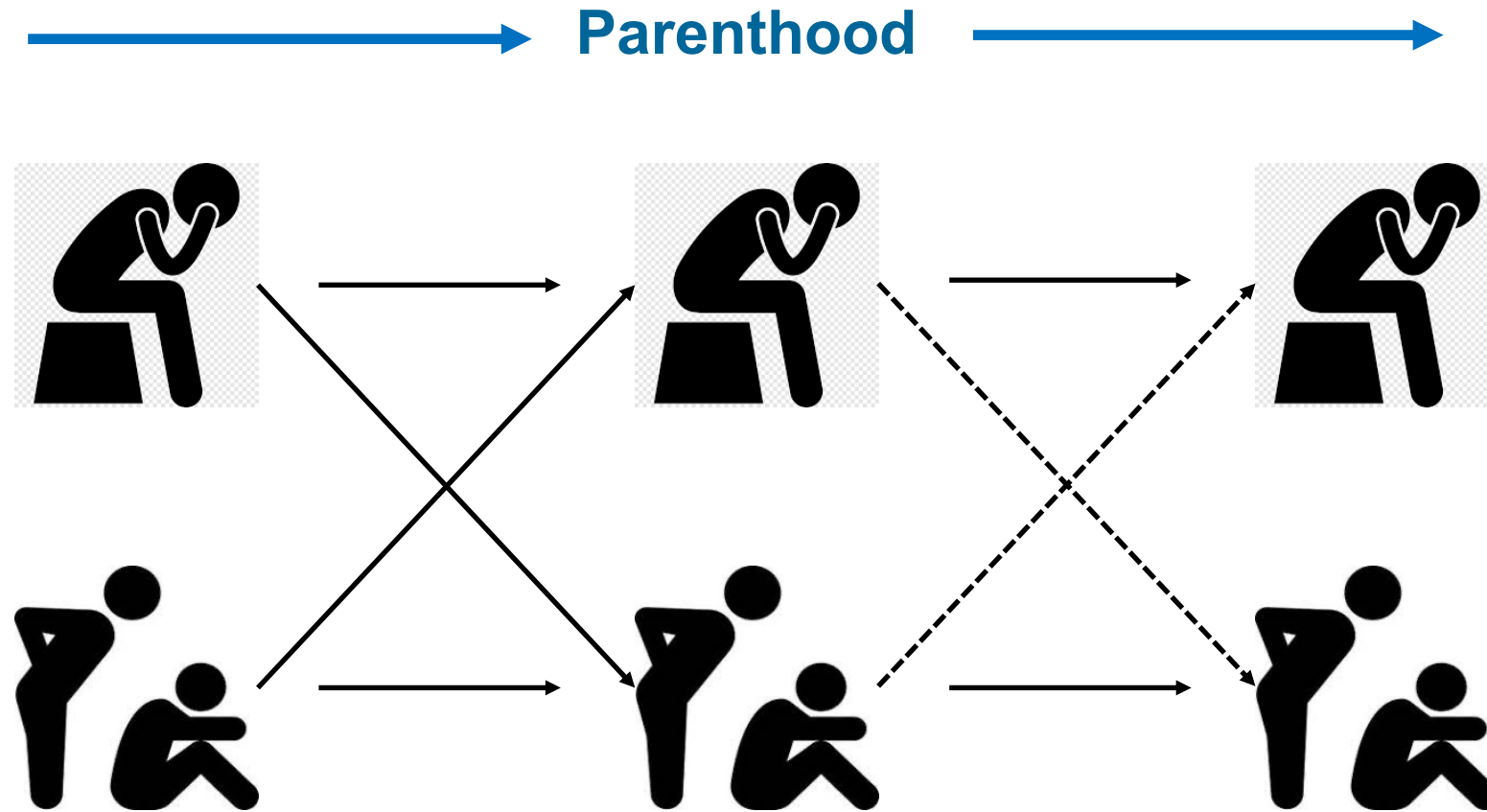


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# Limitations

- Unable to include abusive parenting behaviors
  - Endorsed much less frequently
- Relied on caregiver report
  - Child report and CPS data are available in LONGSCAN, with limitations
- LONGSCAN highly unique sample; may limit generalizability of findings



# Directions for Future Research

Child-level  
outcomes



Other CG  
factors



Short-term  
processes

