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Abstract

Cri-du-chat syndrome (CDCS), a rare chromosomal condition, has had a pessimistic prognosis. Although no systematic developmental research could be found describing the development of very young children with CDCS, the condition typically is characterized by severe mental retardation. The purpose of this study was to obtain descriptions of the developmental and behavioral patterns of very young children with CDCS. Participants were 13 prelinguistic children with CDCS (11 to 47 months of age) and their parents. The parents provided demographic and genetic deletion information, as well as descriptions of their child's typical behavior. In addition, the parents completed the Developmental Observation Checklist System (Hresko, Miquel, Sherbenou, and Burton, 1994). Developmental, behavioral, and genetic profiles are discussed along with related family issues. Strategies designed to facilitate optimal development and future research topics are proposed.