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Dr Hipwell received a PhD in Developmental Psychology from the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, UK for a prospective study examining the effects of postpartum psychosis on children jointly admitted to a psychiatric mother-baby unit. With her mentor Channi Kumar, MD, she developed and validated a measure to evaluate mother-infant interaction in this clinical context as well as for use in mother-baby units in prison settings, to aid in the early detection of infants at risk of neglect or injury. Continuing her interests in maternal postnatal psychopathology and offspring adjustment, Dr Hipwell obtained a post-doctoral position in the Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge University, UK. She worked with Lynne Murray, PhD at the Winnicott Research Unit following a community sample of postnatally depressed women and their children to examine the effects of early mother-infant perturbation on preadolescent emotion regulation, conflict resolution skills and prosocial development. Dr Hipwell joined the faculty of the ClinPsyD program at the School of Medicine, University of East Anglia, UK in 2000, and then moved to Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, University of Pittsburgh, US in 2001. She is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology and a Co-Investigator on the large-scale Pittsburgh Girls Study (PGS, N=2,451), examining the development of conduct disorder, depression and substance use in girls from childhood through to young adulthood. Utilizing prospectively gathered PGS data over 10 assessment waves, Dr Hipwell has developed a PGS substudy examining pre-conception risks for postpartum adjustment and parenting in young adolescent mothers, and the impact of pre-existing and concurrent psychopathology on infant regulation and development.

Selected Publications

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