

# NICHD and the NLSY79

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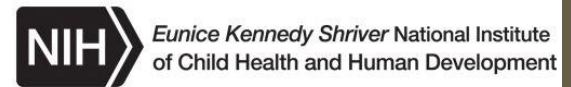
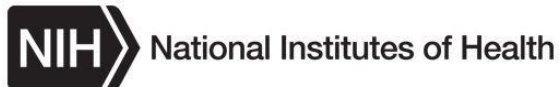
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# NLSY79 Overview

- NLSY79
  - U.S. longitudinal cohort born 1957-64, 1st interviewed in 1979 (14-22)
  - Nationally representative, biennial survey
  - ~10,000 current respondents
- NICHD added questions on maternal & child health and well-being in 1986
- Productivity since 2011
  - 8 peer-reviewed grant awards at NICHD, NIDA, and NIAAA based on NLSY
  - 1,000+ publications

# NICHD supported questions

- **Rs:** Fertility, family, contraception, child care
- **Children of Rs:**
  - Age-appropriate child assessments
  - Demographics, health, home environment (from mom)
  - Attitudes, aspirations, psychological well-being (from kids)
  - Child-parent interactions, schooling, dating, friendship, health, substance use (kids 10+)
  - Schooling, work, health, dating, fertility, contraception, marriage (kids 15-24)

# NLSY79 Impact

- ONLY source of representative data on how maternal age affects child health across the child's life course, including development and productivity
- Extension extend data collection on children of the oldest mothers (35+)
  - Will allow data collection on children through late childhood and early adolescence (~99% will be 13+)