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• Study Identifies Effective Parenting Strategies To Reduce Disruptive Behavior in Children

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• Younger and Older Siblings Contribute Positively to Each Other’s Developing Empathy

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• Study Highlights Value of Acknowledging Adolescents’ Perspectives

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• Teens Are Growing Up More Slowly Today Than They Did in Past Decades

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- Three-Year-Olds Understand, Value Obligations of Joint Commitment

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- Parents' Use of Emotional Feeding Increases Emotional Eating in School-Age Children

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- Most Teen Mood Swings Decline with Age

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