“The ‘Hidden Injuries’ of Childhood Poverty: The Impact of Class Stigma, Stereotypes, and Bias”
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Children are aware of social class and class-based stereotypes at a young age. For low-income children, the classist stereotypes and stigma associated with poverty amplify material hardship. This presentation explores how low-income children are affected by the “hidden injuries” of class (Sennett & Cobb, 1972). Strategies and policies for enhancing well-being will be discussed.

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