

Week 2 Discussion: Development in Infancy

Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 4, 5, 6
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

Initial Post Instructions

Option 1: There is much debate about breastfeeding versus bottle feeding and which is best for a baby's physical, cognitive and socioemotional development. Based on what you have learned from the textbook, lessons and outside readings, what advice would you give to a patient who is struggling with the decision to breastfeed her 2-week-old infant. Consider that her milk supply has dipped, she is suffering from severe post-partum depression, but she has access to an excellent lactation consultant. Would you advise that breastfeeding or bottle feeding would be best for her infant's development? Why/why not? Are there any other factors that you must take into consideration?

Option 2: Researchers like Ainsworth, Bowlby and Harlow all theorized about the importance of attachment in infancy. Using what you have learned about attachment in infancy, how would you choose the best childcare arrangements for an 8-month old? Do you think that having a mother or father stay at home is the best option? Or is a daycare best? What about a nanny? Extended family member? Other option? Explain your reasoning and be sure to make connections to relevant theory and research from your studies this week.

Follow-Up Post Instructions

Respond to at least one peer. Further the dialogue by providing more information and clarification.

Writing Requirements

- Minimum of 2 posts (1 initial & 1 follow-up)
- Minimum of 2 sources cited (assigned readings/online lessons and an outside source)
- APA format for in-text citations and list of references

Grading

This activity will be graded using the Discussion Grading Rubric. Please review the following link: Link (webpage): [Discussion Guidelines](#)

Course Outcomes (CO): 1, 3

Due Date for Initial Post: By 11:59 p.m. MT Recommended by

Wednesday Due Date for Follow-Up Posts: By 11:59 p.m. MT on Sunday