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# EL TEMPERAMENTO, EL NIVEL SOCIOECONÓMICO Y EL GÉNERO COMO FACTORES MODULADORES DE LA COMUNICACIÓN TEMPRANA EN INFANTES DE 12 A 40 MESES RESIDENTES DE ARGENTINA

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## RESUMEN

La comunicación temprana involucra conductas de tipo verbal y no verbal cuyo desarrollo resulta fundamental durante la primera infancia. Asimismo, constituye una base crucial para el posterior desarrollo del lenguaje y la alfabetización durante el nivel primario de educación. En relación a la vulnerabilidad social, es una variable multidimensional que impacta significativamente en el desarrollo infantil desde los primeros años de vida, afectando al 62.9% de los niños y niñas de Argentina. En cuanto al temperamento, refiere a las diferencias individuales existentes en la reactividad y la autorregulación de infantes en torno a los dominios de la afectividad, la actividad y la atención. El objetivo del presente estudio consiste en evaluar cómo el temperamento, el género y el nivel socioeconómico modulan el desarrollo de la comunicación temprana en infantes de 12 a 40 meses. Para ello, se utilizó la Encuesta Permanente de Hogares (EPH) y las versiones validadas en Argentina del inventario del Desarrollo Comunicativo MacArthur-Bates, Forma II (CDI) y la forma abreviada del Cuestionario de Conducta Infantil Temprana (ECBQ). Los resultados arrojaron diferencias estadísticamente significativas en el desempeño comunicativo de los niños y niñas, siendo beneficiados/as aquellos/as que provenían de entornos socioeconómicos medios y altos.

## Palabras clave

Comunicación temprana - Temperamento - Vulnerabilidad social - Género

## ABSTRACT

TEMPERAMENT, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS AND GENDER AS EARLY COMMUNICATION MODULATING FACTORS IN CHILDREN FROM 12 TO 40 MONTHS, ARGENTINIAN RESIDENTS

Early communication involves verbal and non-verbal behavior which development is essential during early childhood. Likewise, it is a fundamental basis for further language development and literacy during primary school. Regarding social vulnerability, it is a multidimensional variable that significantly impacts on

childhood development since the first years of life, and currently concerns the 62.9% of boys and girls in Argentina. In relation to temperament, it refers to the individual differences that little children express according to their reactivity and self-regulation around different domains such as affectivity, activity, and attention. The aim of the present study is to assess how temperament, gender and socioeconomic status modulate early communication development in children from 12 to 40 months. For that purpose, the Permanent Household Survey (EPH) and the validated versions of the MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory, II Form (CDI) and the brief form of the Early Childhood Behavior Questionnaire (ECBQ) have been used. Results have shown significant statistical differences in children's communicative performance, and those who came from middle and high socioeconomic environments were benefited.

## Keywords

Early communication - Temperament - Social vulnerability - Gender

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