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The most effective methods for motivating students change as students reach adolescence due to changes in the brain's reward-processing systems and their experience of new social contexts.

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Adolescents' increased inclination to engage in risk-taking behaviors is NOT a deficit.





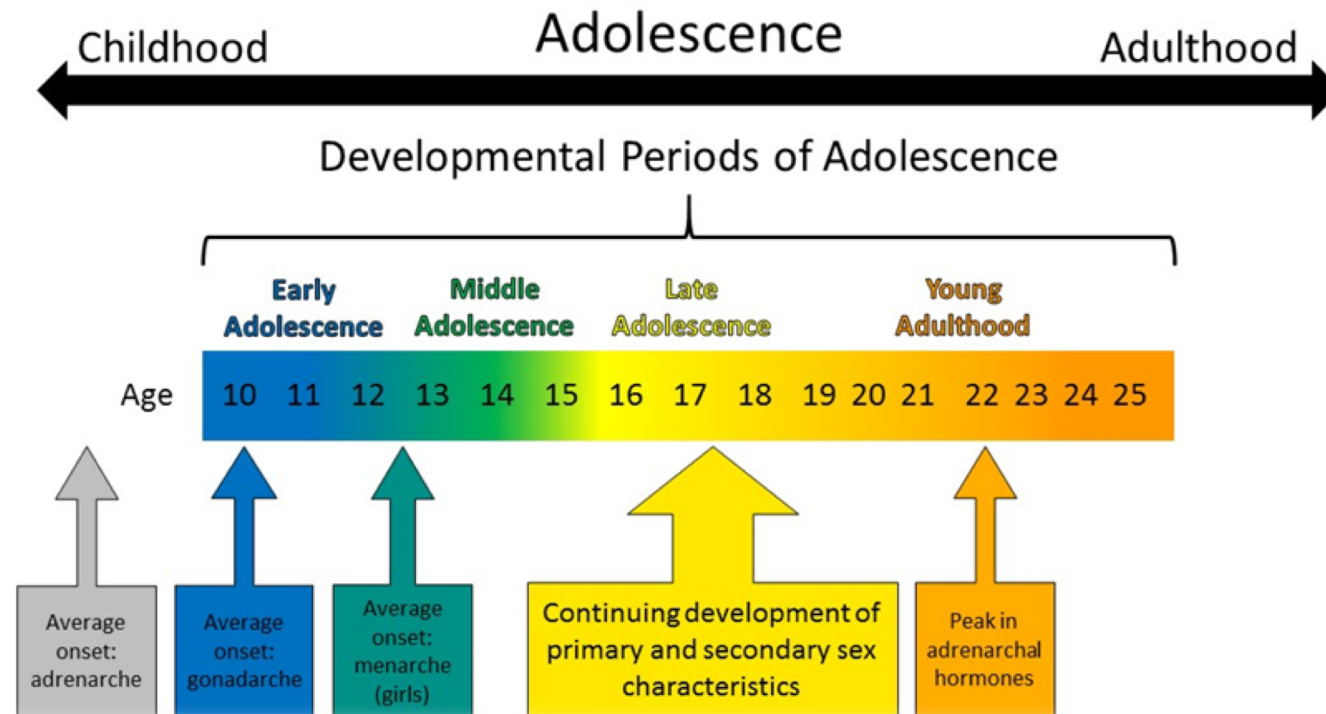
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Peers become increasingly important as they influence the reward systems within the adolescent brain.

Adults must shift from always meeting the needs of adolescents to supporting adolescents in meeting their own needs.

What is Adolescence?

Adolescence is not simply defined by age, grade, or pubertal stage

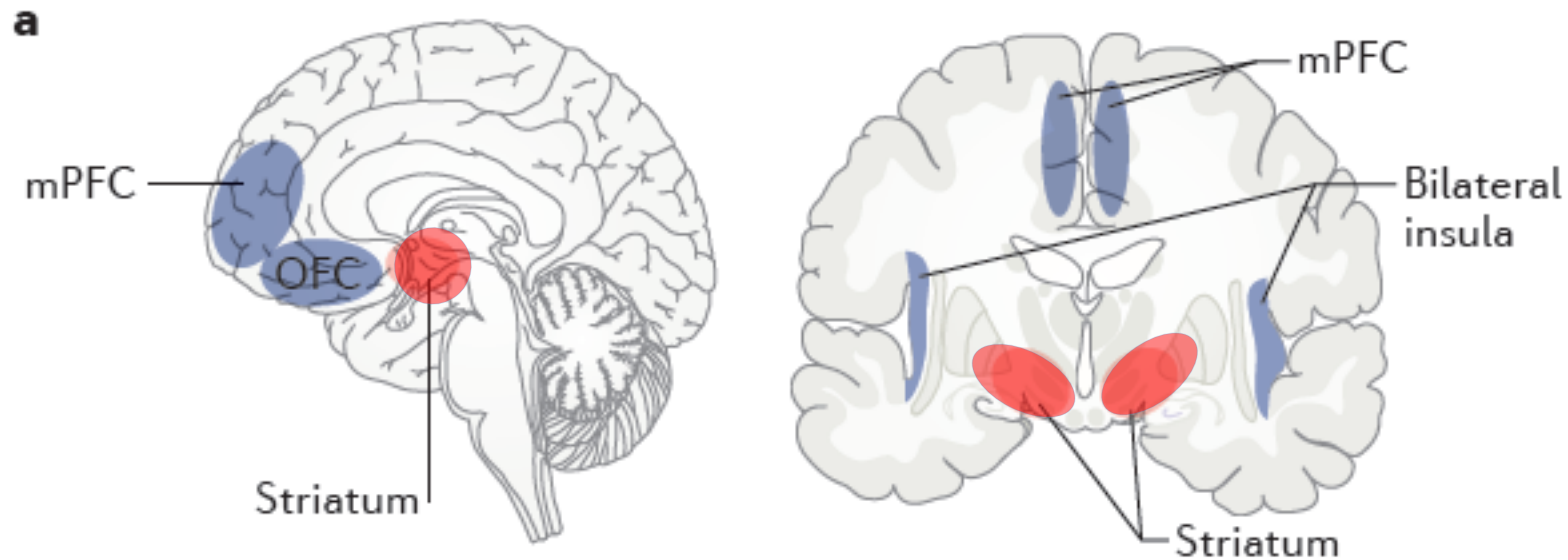


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A time when individuals engage in activities & relationships that take on new meaning and nurture a sense of identity, agency, self-reliance, & social engagement.



Motivation Regions Are More Engaged



Related to increased motivation to translate passion into action, learn, explore and establish new relationships

The Social Brain Changes in Adolescence

- Identity development and social status awareness
- The identification of supportive relationships with adults (e.g. teachers, parents, and mentors)
- Recognition of being respected and valued
- Increases the need to belong





Immigrant Family Reunification Program

Families Reunite

This class is for parents with children of any age, who had recently or in previous years reunited with their child/children and for parents who are in the process of bringing their children to live with them.

This is a nine-hour curriculum for parents reunifying with their children. The final class session includes the children. Parents and children complete activities together.

- 3 sessions of three hours each
- First two sessions only for parents
- Last one for parents and their reunifying children
- Presence of a counselor or social worker is highly recommended
- Parents will get a certificate of completion when they attend all sessions

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Parent Project

Their mission is to develop parent-training programs for parents raising difficult or out-of-control children. We are committed to providing highly effective programs that are affordable for every parent

- Parents meet one night per week for 3 hours per night.
- The Parent Project activity-based curriculum allows parents to learn and practice behavior management techniques at home.
- Parent support groups are formed using the UCLA self-help support group model.
- Program orientation: behavior modification.

