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Pathways from Victimization to Violence.

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It is well established that being a victim of physical, sexual, or psychological violence or neglect in childhood or being exposed to violence increases the likelihood of being violent both during childhood and adulthood. Different explanations have been given in relation to the underlying mechanisms that can make a victim of violence develop a violent behavior. While some of the studies attribute to socio-cognitive mechanisms, others have started to demonstrate the very deep biological and psychological changes caused by the experience of victimization, and, more recently, the interrelations between genetic and environmental factors have also started to be known. However, it is also important to determine why some children are resilience to the impact of victimization. The whole information will help to establish intervention programs to prevent the cycle of violence at individual level.

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