

Handout 2: Risk Factors for Intellectual Disability

Timing	Biomedical	Social	Behavioral	Educational
Prenatal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chromosomal disorders 2. Single-gene disorders 3. Syndromes 4. Metabolic disorders 5. Cerebral dysgenesis 6. Maternal illness 7. Parental age 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poverty 2. Maternal malnutrition 3. Domestic violence 4. Lack of access to prenatal care 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prenatal drug use 2. Parental alcohol use 3. Parental smoking 4. Parental immaturity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parental cognitive disability without supports 2. Lack of preparation for parenthood
Perinatal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prematurity 2. Birth injury 3. Neonatal disorders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of access to prenatal care 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parental rejection of caretaking 2. Parental abandonment of child 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of medical referral for intervention services at discharge
Postnatal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traumatic brain injury 2. Malnutrition 3. Meningoencephalitis 4. Seizure disorders 5. Degenerative disorders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impaired child-caregiver interaction 2. Lack of adequate stimulation 3. Family poverty 4. Chronic illness in family 5. Institutionalization 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child abuse and neglect 2. Domestic violence 3. Inadequate safety measures 4. Social deprivation 5. Difficult child behaviors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impaired parenting 2. Delayed diagnosis 3. Inadequate early intervention services 4. Inadequate special education services 5. Inadequate family support

Note. From Schalock et al. (2010). *Intellectual Disability: Definition, Classification, and Systems of Supports*. Washington, DC: AAIDD.