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“As we move forward in the new millennium, we are all provided with an opportunity to look back at scientific events, advances, and disappointments that have occurred over the last century and that have brought us to our current state of knowledge in the field of developmental psychopathology. As we reflect on historical events in the context of the future that awaits us, we also are provided with a rare window for examining issues that are likely to be salient in the next century” (Cicchetti & Sroufe, 2000, p. 255).

This quote, from Cicchetti and Sroufe’s editorial to the September, 2000 Special Issue of Development and Psychopathology, introduces four outstanding articles on the history and future of developmental psychopathology as it applies to children with serious emotional disturbances and their families. If you missed them, take a break this holiday season and enjoy these thoughtful and engaging articles:

Editorial: The past as prologue to the future: The times, they've been a-changin'

Developmental psychopathology: Concepts and challenges

Developmental systems and psychopathology

Experience in the midst of variation: New horizons for development and psychopathology
Emde, R. N., & Spicer, P., pp. 313-331.

Cultural influences on developmental processes and outcomes: Implications for the study of development and psychopathology

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