

Avoidance of punishment helps better development of preschoolers' social skills

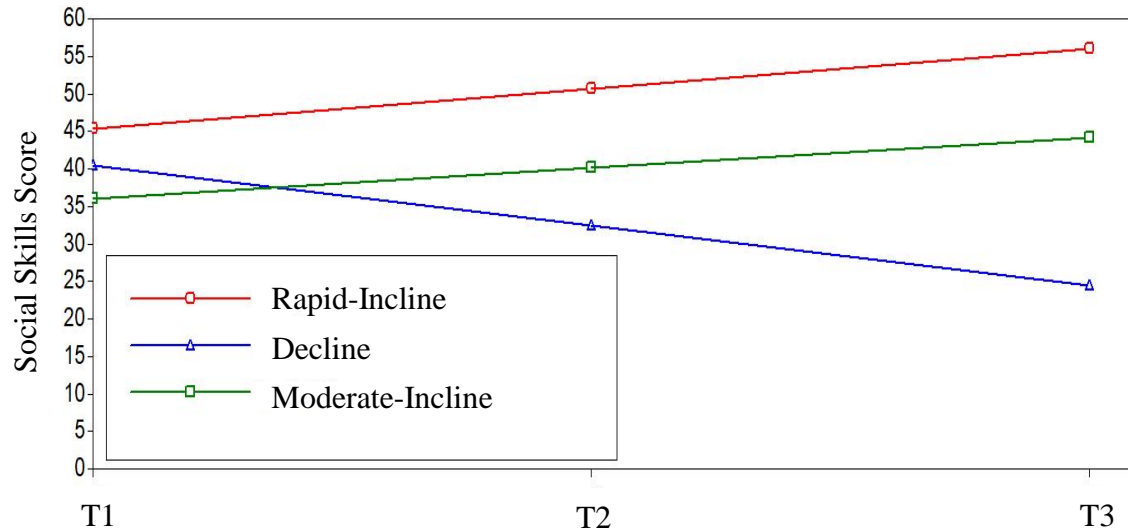


Fig 1. Latent class growth trajectories of social skills

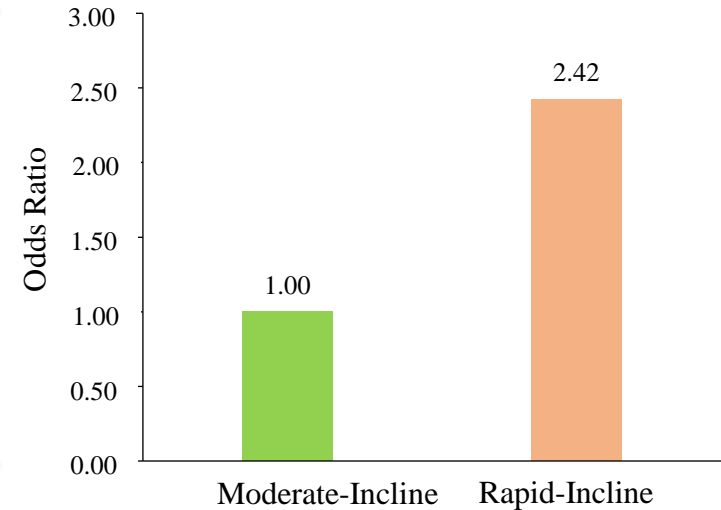


Fig 2. Avoidance of Punishment contributes to Rapid-Incline of Social Skills Development

Children's social skills show a trend of rapid-incline, moderate-incline, and decline during three years. Avoiding punishment contributes to the rapid growth of children's social skills. Professionals and parents should focus on improving parental practices and avoiding punishment to facilitate social skills development among children.

Participants: 452 children aged 3-4 from Japan Child Care Cohort Study were included in 2017 (T1) and were followed in 2018 (T2) and 2019 (T3).

Measurements: Social Skill Scale and Index of Child Care Environment were used to evaluate preschoolers' social skill and home rearing environment.