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**PSYCHOSOMATIC ASPECTS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN'S
DEVELOPMENT**

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Being an adopted child carries many important developmental tasks which often differ significantly from the experience of biological children. These tasks are connected, among others, with the lack of genetic ties between the child and its adoptive parents (biological theories), the effects of Attachment Development Disorder (J. Bowlby's attachment theory), and with an identity crisis (E. Erikson's psychosocial development theory). The paper will present the most important assumptions of the above theories and their application in empirical studies on the psychosomatic aspects of adopted children's development.