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More than 60 percent of infants and young children under the age of five years experience some type of nonmaternal childcare (U.S. Census Bureau, 2005). Several studies have examined potential negative effects of the hours infants spend in nonmaternal care on infant-mother relationships. However, findings on associations between hours of nonmaternal care and parent-child relationships have been mixed (e.g., Belsky & Rovine, 1988; NICHD Early Child Care Research Network, 1997). In this paper, I review these mixed findings on the effect of nonmaternal care on parent-child relationships.

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