

is close to adult size by early adolescence, the structures

2022.

serious cases to adult court, and increasing mandatory

that increased legal protections and access to treatment

Brain imaging advances in neuroscience is consistent

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mitigate their culpability in criminal acts. This reasoning

understood through developmental science, supports the

1. Cognitive functions

perspective taking and logical reasoning. These

2. Psychosocial maturity

regulation, including impulse control, risk assessment,

to adults, adolescents have heightened sensitivity

behaviors. Psychosocial maturity develops into late adolescence and early adulthood.¹

Neurobiological science reveals the imbalance

and



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