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New Perspectives on Trauma-Responsive Care

Message from the Guest Editors

The Adverse Childhood Experiences study in 1998 (Felitti et al., 1998) spawned significant research focused on how best to provide trauma-informed services. There has also been increasing attention paid to establishing and maintaining trauma-informed organizations and communities. More recently, we have witnessed increased violence perpetuated against marginalized communities and increased attention being paid to the issue of the historical and current trauma experienced by oppressed groups. There has been renewed acknowledgement of how long-standing structural impediments to equitable treatment under the law can cause profound and intergenerational harm to many of our citizens. We welcome contributions on the following topics (among others): new and emerging perspectives on mezzo and macro trauma-responsive care (TRC); thoughts on the measurement practices of TRC: the effectiveness of existing trauma-responsive policies; thoughts about the current availability and focus of funding to develop effective mezzo and macro traumaresponsive interventions. Research-based and thoughtful conceptual manuscripts that contribute to the development of the field are welcome.

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