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The Impact of Bullying and School Violence on Youth Mental Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Bullying and school violence are pervasive problems facing young people. In the United States, from 30% to 40% of middle schools nationwide reported that bullying or cyberbullying occurred on a daily or neardaily basis (Pew Research Center, 2023). Youth mental health problems have also been on the rise, with persistent sadness and suicidal thoughts increasing roughly 40% in the decade leading up to and through the pandemic (Verlenden et al., 2023). There is clear and consistent evidence that bullying and youth mental health problems are closely related and that each is a risk factor for the other (Christina et al., 2021). For this Special Issue, we seek innovative, longitudinal investigations on the links between school violence, particularly bullying, and youth mental health. Topics may include, but are not limited to, school-based bullying and violence, cyberbullying, mental health consequences and risks for victimization or perpetration, developmental differences in the relationship between bullying or school violence and mental health, and resilience in the face of bullying and school violence.

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