Special Issue

The Promotion of Motor Behavior and Physical Activity in Children: The Present and a Challenge for Future

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on the critical intersection of motor competence, physical fitness, and physical activity in childhood, key factors for healthy growth and development. Over the past decades, research has highlighted the significance of these elements in shaping both the physical and cognitive development of children, as well as in fostering lifelong healthy behaviors. The aim of this Special Issue is to explore cutting-edge research that delves into these themes and to examine how factors such as play, perceived competence, cognitive development, motivation, and well-being contribute to promoting physical activity. We invite contributions that address a wide range of topics, including but not limited to motor competence, physical fitness, cognitive processes, outdoor activity, and the challenges posed by modern society. We welcome empirical studies, reviews, and theoretical papers that offer innovative insights into how to support and enhance physical activity in children, ensuring a healthier future.

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