

Special Issue

Early Childhood Adversity and Adolescent Health

Message from the Guest Editor

Early childhood adversity (ECA), including abuse, neglect, and family dysfunction, significantly impacts emotional, cognitive, and social development, increasing the risk of chronic health conditions. This Special Issue aims to explore how ECA affects children's development, with a focus on psychological mediation and moderation mechanisms. It examines both immediate and long-term effects, including emotional regulation, cognitive appraisal, and attachment patterns, and highlights evidence-based interventions and policies to mitigate the impact of ECA.

We invite original research articles, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and perspective pieces that explore the following topics:

- Mechanistic pathways linking ECA to health outcomes.
- Innovative interventions for preventing or ameliorating the impacts of ECA.
- Longitudinal studies examining health trajectories over the course of life.
- Clinical recommendations for preventing early adversity and promoting children's well-being.

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