

## Special Issue

# Kinship Care in a Changing Society: Health and Well-Being of Children and Families

### Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue of *Healthcare* on “Kinship Care in a Changing Society: Health and Well-Being of Children and Families.” Kinship care often occurs when children are raised by relatives or someone close to the family (i.e., fictive kin) after separation from their parents for various reasons, such as child maltreatment, domestic violence, substance use, mental health issues, and incarceration. Whether formally involved in the child welfare system or arranged informally, kinship families face challenges driven by sudden changes, including economic hardship, caregiver aging, complex trauma and fragmented services. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence may also bring new opportunities and challenges to kinship families. Although kinship care has received growing recognition, the health and well-being of children and families in kinship care remain under-researched and under-resourced. This Special Issue addresses this urgent research gap and offers a timely platform to explore how kinship care can better support child and family health and well-being in this constantly changing societal context.

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