



The Role of Family Support in Children's Mental Health

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Message from the Guest Editor

One important focus of this Special Issue will be Family Peer Support (FPS) provided by those with lived experience raising a youth with mental health conditions. This service has the potential to improve both youth and caregiver outcomes by overcoming system- and individual-level barriers to care, as well as building parental self-efficacy to improve their identification of mental health problems, awareness of services, and support their initial and continued involvement, especially for families experiencing multiple physical and mental health issues, as well as socio-economic stressors. Progress has been made toward greater specification of FPS program models, core competencies, certification and research on the short- and long-term impacts of such models on youth and family outcomes. This Special Issue will be the first to unite cutting-edge research, evaluation and implementation of family support initiatives across the globe.





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