



Designing Cities That Support Healthy Child Development

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Message from the Guest Editors

In response to rapidly growing populations, national and international 'place-based' policy agendas advocate the need for 'child-friendly' and 'liveable' cities seeking to promote and protect child well-being. Research reviews and viewpoints have also recently emphasized the need to target neighborhood-effects research on child development, health, and well-being. This increasing research and policy interest suggests it is timely to have evidence that supports children's health and development.

The opportunities afforded by the increasing data volume and methodological capabilities (e.g., the breadth of longitudinal and multilevel cohort data maximized through data linkages, geographic information systems (GIS), and global positioning systems (GPS)), innovative analytic techniques, and the value of qualitative and participatory research data for exploring neighborhood environments in which young children live have important implications for neighborhood-effects and childhood-development research, and the ability to meaningfully inform policy. Papers addressing these methods and topics are invited for this Special Issue.





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