



Children's Play: Contributions to Health and Development

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Message from the Guest Editor

All disciplines with an interest in children's health and development need to understand children's play. Children's play has been studied in areas as diverse as cognition, physical activity, educational achievement, the development of myopia, and child-friendly cities. Although children's play is acknowledged as an important contributor to lifelong health and development, concerns have been raised about reductions in opportunities available to children, particularly for outdoor play involving risk.

The aim of this Special Issue is to bring together evidence from a wide range of disciplines to advance the understanding of the contributions of play to children's health and development. High-quality primary studies, secondary data analyses, and reviews with a focus on children (birth to 18 years) and/or adults within the play context are welcome.





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