Special Issue

Exploring Mental Health Challenges and Support Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Families who provide care to individuals with special needs, including those with chronic health conditions, developmental disabilities, and mental health disorders, often face unique and multifaceted challenges. These challenges can significantly impact the mental health and well-being of the caregivers themselves, as well as the overall family dynamic. ... Despite the growing recognition of these issues, there remains a substantial gap in comprehensive research and evidence-based interventions tailored to support the mental health of these caregivers.

This proposed Special Issue aims to address this gap through collating high-quality research and reviews that explore the mental health challenges faced by families caring for people with special needs, the factors that contribute to these challenges, and the interventions and support systems that can mitigate these effects.

Guest Editors

Dr. Alexandros Argyriadis

Dr. Dimitra V. Katsarou

Dr. Agathi Argyriadi

Deadline for manuscript submissions 30 June 2026



International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5 Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/207356

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +4161 683 77 34 ijerph@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ ijerph





International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

CiteScore 8.5 Indexed in PubMed





About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Scientific discoveries and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a rational basis for informed decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards.

IJERPH provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality peer-reviewed journal.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Paul R. Ward Centre for Public Health, Equity and Human Flourishing, Torrens University Australia, Adelaide 5000, Australia

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, PubMed, MEDLINE, PMC, Embase, GEOBASE, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

CiteScore - Q1 (Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health)