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Promoting Child Development in Primary Health Care

Message from the Guest Editors

Primary health care (PHC) services are the entry point to the healthcare system for families' and are intended to be accessible and affordable to all. This whole-ofsociety approach is endorsed by the World Health Organization (2023) as a vehicle to ensure the highest possible level of health and well-being by focusing on people's needs as early as possible, with services ranging from health promotion and disease prevention to treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care. Optimizing this level of care promotes child development and can ameliorate developmental delays and disorders. Researchers have consequently explored alternatives to service delivery to improve accessibility and developmental outcomes of young children, Innovative approaches include mHealth solutions, prevention and promotion measures, and service delivery through mobilized community stakeholders. Papers addressing these topics are invited to be submitted to this Special Issue, with an emphasis on innovative solutions to improve child development in vulnerable populations through PHC.

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