

Special Issue

Antisocial Behavior in Youth: Victims and Offenders

Message from the Guest Editors

Antisocial behavior in youth causes greater alarm in society compared to when this type of behavior is carried out by adults. Traditionally, research has been focused on young offenders, with the aim of preventing antisocial behavior from being repeated or becoming chronic. The study of risk and protective factors (promotive and protective) will allow the prevention of antisocial behavior in young people, favoring the non-repetition of this antisocial behavior. Better knowledge of juvenile antisocial behavior will allow the creation and adaptation of valid, reliable, and sensitive measurement instruments. The development of this type of instrument is essential for the correct identification of this changing phenomenon according to social and legal conceptions. This Special Issue has the purpose of contributing to international research on youth antisocial behavior, where researchers can share and disseminate the latest research advances from the double perspective of victims and offenders.

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