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Youth Homelessness Prevention

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Message from the Guest Editors

Rapidly changing sociopolitical contexts, fiscal constraints, and sudden events such as population health crises are macro level challenges that magnify pre-existing issues with which marginalized and at-risk children and youth contend. Especially in these times, social justice and equity issues become more visible as problems escalate for these young people, exposing them to increased risk and exacerbated inequities, far too often leading to homelessness.

This Special Issue aims to address these challenges by featuring studies on efforts to prevent youth homelessness in areas such as mental health, housing, education, and social services. We welcome interdisciplinary studies across international contexts with diverse methodological approaches (quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and conceptual), particularly studies that are equity-focused and illuminate cross-sector collaboration. Collectively, the papers in this issue will contribute key insights and evidence to research, policy, and practice to move prevention efforts forward and advance dialogue about the unique challenges and opportunities that lie within a much-needed focus on youth homelessness prevention.



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