Special Issue

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the Life-Course Health Consequences

Message from the Guest Editors

Experiences that occur during childhood and adolescence can carry short- and long-term ramifications for health and wellbeing over the lifecourse. In particular, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs: e.g., abuse, parental/household challenges, and neglect) are increasingly recognized as important contributors to deleterious health outcomes. Indeed, existing research links ACEs to various health and developmental problems including poorer mental health, chronic health conditions, inhibited social development, and increases in internalizing and externalizing behaviors. This Special Issue offers an opportunity to publish high-quality, interdisciplinary research that contributes to knowledge in this area. Suitable articles include theoretical articles, empirical research manuscripts, (quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods), systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and evidence-based interventions focused on the health consequences of ACEs at different points in the lifecourse. Studies that examine the impact of ACEs on markers of physical health, psychological health, and health behaviors, as well as internalizing and externalizing behaviors, are welcomed.

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