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Intersection of Breastfeeding, Early Relational Health and Childcare Arrangements: Impact on the Health Outcomes of Children

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Message from the Guest Editor

Breastfeeding and human milk feeding are also important aspects of early relational health (also sometimes referred to as infant mental health), which is a framework that the American Academy of Pediatrics recognized in 2022 as foundational to infant learning and socio-emotional development.

This Special Issue of *Children* solicits novel research papers focusing on the intersection of the three aspects essential for improving the health of children: human milk feeding, early relational health, and childcare arrangements. We seek quantitative and qualitative studies that cover at least two of these areas among children aged 0 to 24 months. Potential studies include, but are not limited to, the following: analyses of secondary data, analyses of maternal health policies across states or countries and impact on child health, surveys, observational studies, and interventions. Childcare arrangements can include childcare centers, family childcare homes, and informal settings such as nannies or babysitters. Articles will only be considered for publication if they address, at least in part, health outcomes of children related to human milk feeding and/or early relational health.



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