



## Child Mental Health in a Modern World

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Over many years, there have been various twists and turns in the development of child mental health services and the interventions they provide. In recent times, there has been a tendency for formal child mental health services to focus more around severe and enduring mental illness, which begins to mirror adult mental health services. This takes the focus away from prevention. More importantly, many child mental health interventions that are being researched or implemented have been used in adult mental health services. Is it time for a fundamental rethink about how we develop interventions for child and adolescent mental health, working much more closely with children, young people and their families to understand their needs and developing our own child-friendly, child-oriented interventions?

There are a number of child mental health challenges facing young people internationally in the modern world. These include the pressures created by changes in societies across the globe, a world pandemic, rapid technological advances, poverty, disease and inequalities.





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