



Child-friendly Planning and Public Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

Planning deeply influences the built and social environment. The field has the potential to be transformative in creating healthy physical and social environments and providing access to opportunity for kids. Access to services for children is heavily determined by their family, friend, and neighbor networks. Informal networks provide more than service support and access; they also help create neighborhood norms of sharing and caring. The disparity in community conditions for children reflects the racial and social inequities in society. Seeing the city through children's experience can help us build cities better for us all. Community engagement activities with children can empower youth and foster resiliency. Civic engagement of families with young children is critical to ensure that planning meets their needs.

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