



Early Child Development: From Measurement to Optimal Functioning and Evidence-based Policy

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In the early years of life, the environments that interact with a child—including families, schools, and communities—play a key role in the child’s brain development. Early child development and overall children’s developmental trajectories have long-term implications for health, happiness, and earning potential as these children become adults. Importantly, failing to reach developmental potential contributes to global cycles of poverty, inequality, and social exclusion. There is little public understanding of the importance of children’s first years and the critical developmental opportunity to reach optimal functioning. As such, global data on early child developments are crucial to inform the public and demand evidence-based policies and high-quality programs for children around the world.

This Special Issue seeks papers on early child development, including those on assessing the impact of programs and interventions related to children’s health, education, and participation that could inform evidence-based policies around the world.

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