

## Call for Papers

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Child and adolescent suicide prevention is a major public health concern. Between 2001 and 2021, suicide rates rose by 115% since 2007 among 10-14 year olds and by 38% among 15-17 year olds (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2023). This has occurred in the midst of increased awareness of suicide in the media and in public health discourse, substantial research on suicide prevention, and new advances in preventive interventions. To date, a substantial proportion of research on suicide prevention has focused on prevention efforts for adolescents and adults delivered in traditional mental health care settings. Less work has considered specific at-risk populations of children and adolescents or the use of non-traditional healthcare settings for service delivery.

This special issue of the Journal of Applied Research on Children will feature papers that (a) advance our understanding of child and adolescent suicide prevention across multiple populations, sectors, or settings and (b) leverage science to inform suggestions for policy and practice changes with the potential to advance youth suicide prevention. We are particularly interested in papers that consider underserved or understudied populations and underutilized settings or intervention paradigms. Quantitative and qualitative papers will be welcome, but all papers should report empirical data and advance our understanding of how to advance youth suicide prevention.

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