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Applied and Translational Research on Trauma-Responsive Programs and Policy

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Acute and chronic exposure to adversity and trauma has been linked to later dysfunction, disorder, and disease. Children and adults who are exposed to recurring and extremely stressful interpersonal conditions such as abuse and neglect and domestic violence often experience significant social-emotional, cognitive, and behavioral consequences that undermine their health and well-being. Other risks within and outside the home can compound the costs of interpersonal trauma. At the same time, research shows that the long-term, negative impacts of trauma appear to be lessened, and possibly reversed, when schools and other systems that serve vulnerable children and families (e.g., child welfare, juvenile and criminal justice, health care) provide adequate safety, care, and resources.

Our goal in this special issue is to highlight new insights from research on programs and policies that can transform systems so they are more responsive to the needs of vulnerable populations. We are particularly interested in papers that help to advance the conceptual and empirical foundations of prevention and intervention approaches that can be implemented at scale in real-world systems and settings. Articles that highlight current gaps in knowledge and limitations of existing policies and programs in trauma care at a systems-level are also desired.

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