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In the current dual pandemics of COVID and resurgent racism, it is critical to have dialogue about continuing challenges that are faced and strategies to support our African American and Latino young males. The intersection of the COVID-19, the digital divide, racism and police brutality has exposed the systemic challenges in public education. We must continue to address these issues in a proactive way. For the JFS Volume 20, Issue 1, the CHILDREN AT RISK Institute is seeking manuscripts that provide African American and Latino young males, their families, communities, and schools with research based information on the disparities that have recently risen to the forefront, along with suggestions for how to mitigate these challenges. Manuscripts should also address the structural and systemic challenges that African American and Latino males face as they seek to persist and succeed academically.

This issue will provide a space for both scholars and practitioners/professional to discuss the current trends (i.e. police reform, school segregation, COVID – 19) and micro/macro systems that undergird the challenges and opportunities for African American and Latino young male success. We welcome the full range of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodological approaches.

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