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Suicide Risks Among Children and Youth

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The rate of death by suicide for youth aged 10-24 has increased over 50% in less than two decades resulting in suicide being the second leading cause of death for this age group. Although no group is immune to its impact, evidence suggests racial and sexual identity play a role in risk of self-harm, suicide ideation, and death. For the JFS Volume 20, Issue 2, the CHILDREN AT RISK Institute is seeking empirical manuscripts that focus on youth at risk of suicide, prevention efforts, and family strengths related to the risk of suicide. Manuscripts should also describe, if applicable, new programs and practices designed to address suicide risks among all youth, and especially Black, Latinx and LGBTQ youth.

This issue will provide a space for both scholars and practitioners/professionals to discuss the risks of suicide among children and youth, family strengths and opportunities to intervene to minimize such risks, as well as policies and practices that impact children and youth. Additionally, this issue will contribute to the limited but emerging literature in the area of suicide among Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ youth.

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We encourage interested authors to submit an abstract or letter of interest to the managing editor at jfs@childrenatrisk.org by May 1st. If the abstract is approved, full manuscripts will be due August 7th. To view past issues of the journal or to submit a manuscript, please visit jfs.childrenatrisk.org.