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Children and adolescents oftentimes participate in behaviors that put them at risk for poor health outcomes in the near or distant future. Behaviors such as nicotine and tobacco use, limited healthy food intake, and minimal physical activity directly impact children's health and well-being. For the JFS Volume 19, Issue 2, the CHILDREN AT RISK Institute is seeking manuscripts detailing common health challenges that impact children's long-term health. Manuscripts should also describe, if applicable, new programs and practices aimed at reducing negative behaviors and/or improving child health.

The intention of this issue is two-fold. This issue will provide a space for health researchers and professionals to discuss the risks common child and adolescent behavior present for children's health and well-being as well as opportunities for changing behaviors or mitigating their impacts to support practices and policies that impact children. And, second, this issue will serve to develop future leaders in child and adolescent health by highlighting student-led research.

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