Call for Abstracts

Special Issue of *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice*:

The Role of Non-Clinical Providers in Expanding Equitable Access to Effective Youth Mental Health Care

Important dates

- Deadline for abstracts**: March 3, 2025**
- Invitation for full manuscripts: **April 4, 2025**
- Deadline for manuscript first-draft submissions: **January 5, 2026**

Guest editors

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Details

Amid the ongoing youth mental health crisis, we have seen increased mobilization of non-clinical providers (e.g., non-credentialed community members, teachers, near-peers, paraprofessionals), to deliver clinical programming to youth. However, despite their promise to increase access to supportive services, there remains a lack of empirical evidence on the use of non-clinical providers in this population. Therefore, this special issue seeks to feature a selected set of papers that address the role of non-clinical providers in promoting youth mental health and wellness across the continuum of mental health need from prevention to treatment services. Abstract submissions for all article types will be considered.

Abstract submissions should include:

- Tentative title
- Abstract and brief description of the proposed submission (1 page max)
- Justification of how the proposed contribution connects to the theme of the special issue
- Affiliation and contact information of all authors

Initial invitation to submit an article will not guarantee publication. Full manuscripts will undergo peer-review, and decisions on acceptance for publication will be made by the guest editors in consultation with Editor-in-Chief, Arthur M. Nezu, PhD. To contribute to the special issue, please submit your abstract by **March 3, 2025** to Meghan Costello (mcostello14@mgh.harvard.edu) and Randi Schuster (rschuster@mgh.harvard.edu).

See call on CP:SP Website at:
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