

**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](mailto:mcostello14@mgh.harvard.edu)) and Randi Schuster ([rschuster@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:rschuster@mgh.harvard.edu)).

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