Journal Teams with CDC to Tackle Youth Violence Prevention

In an effort to help develop solutions to the problem of youth violence, the journal Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education & Action has produced a special issue on the topic, thanks to the support of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The issue (Volume 4, Issue 3) addresses several different aspects of youth violence, such as bullying, aggression, fighting, and gang involvement, according to the editorial by Catherine Bradshaw, Ph.D., Med; S. Darius Tandon, Ph.D.; and Phillip J. Leaf, Ph.D., from The Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence. The journal is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

“We believe this special issue demonstrates how youth violence prevention researchers are applying the principles of community based participatory research (CBPR), such as obtaining meaningful input and mobilizing the talents, energy, and insights of community participants,” the editorial states.

The CDC’s support for the special issue included the study “Achieving Public Health Impact in Youth Violence Prevention Through Community-Research Partnerships” authored by Greta M. Massetti and Alana M. Vivolo of the CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention.

Other articles in the issue focus on violence prevention research conducted in schools, after-school programs, community-based programs, and community settings. Research in the journal came from studies in Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Nashville, San Bernardino, Calif., and the suburbs of Washington, D.C.

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