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WHAT ARE THE LONG-TERM CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE YOUNG HOMELESS?
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Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (February 5, 2008) – According to recent studies, more than half of the world’s 6 billion people live in cities, many in overcrowded and ramshackle dwellings, lacking basic services, such as safe water and adequate sanitation. An additional 100 million are homeless. The US and Canada are not immune to these problems and it is their children who suffer the most.

The current issue of American Behavioral Scientist, published by SAGE, explores recent research on the growing social, economic, and human development impacts of homelessness on families—specifically, on the lives of children and youth. Beginning with a review of recent studies on homelessness, the articles examine:

- the cultural and structural causes of homelessness
- long-term consequences of homelessness for children
- behavioral and mental health problems associated with homelessness
- both higher and lower functioning homeless children
- the creation of street families among homeless youth
- how homeless youth exit the street
- supportive-housing programs for formerly homeless families

“Thousands of homeless young people remain unrecognized and underserved,” write guest editors, Darcy Varney, and Willem van Vliet of the Children, Youth, and Environments Center, Boulder/Denver. “The work in this issue illustrates the urgency of bringing researchers, policy makers, and practitioners together to work toward adequate and affordable shelter for all.”

The current issue of American Behavioral Scientist, entitled, “Homelessness, Children, and Youth: Research in the United States and Canada,” is available at no charge for a limited time at http://abs.sagepub.com/content/vol51/issue6/.

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