

Experiences, Stress, and Resilience in the Face of a Natural Disaster

Disasters are momentous life events that directly and indirectly affect many individuals, families, and communities. While much has been written about the health needs following Hurricane Katrina and a few articles on the methods used during a disaster, few researchers have focused on how children, families, and communities have coped in the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters. Scholars may identify or assess social support networks used by individuals or families directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. Some potential research questions included but are not limited to: How have families dealt with actual and/or ambiguous loss following a disaster? How have families restored their social networks or formulated new networks? How schools addressed the needs of children with PTSD? Did children, adults, or families report changes in their overall health and well-being?

This special issue, to be published in the *Journal of Family Issues*, focuses on **innovative research and review articles** that critically examine how natural disasters influence the development of children, families, and communities. The articles must embrace recommendations for supporting preparedness and recovery efforts in the aftermath of a disaster.

General Submission Guidelines: Articles should be no longer than 20 pages, and must be written using APA 5th edition format, for sections, in-text citations, and references. **Submission deadline is November 30, 2009.**

Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the Editors: Tammy L. Henderson at tammy.henderson@okstate.edu or Gladys Hildreth at Gladys.Hildreth@unt.edu. Three hard copies of manuscripts also may be mailed to Tammy L. Henderson at Oklahoma State University, 233 HES, Stillwater, OK 74078-6122. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Tammy L. Henderson at 405-744-8350 (office) or tammy.henderson@okstate.edu. You also may contact Dr. Gladys Hildreth at 940-369-7046 (office).