Announcement

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue: Families and Other Systems in Pediatric Psychology

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The April 1997 issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology* will be devoted to papers enhancing our understanding of families and other systems in pediatric psychology. Papers appropriate for submission include:

*Empirical studies of families of children with medical conditions that utilize family research methodologies.* Research should be conceptualized within a family framework and include data from more than one member of the family system. Studies incorporating fathers and/or siblings are encouraged, as are those that reflect diversity in family structures and ethnicity.

*Empirical studies of nonfamily systems such as peers, schools, communities, social support networks and hospitals.* Studies that promote the understanding of systems that interact with families of pediatric patients are encouraged. Empirical papers linking families and peers, schools or hospitals are especially sought.

*Research reviews and/or theoretical articles which advance the understanding of the role of systems (including families) in pediatric health care.* Scholarly papers that advance the understanding of research and clinical work with families and other systems in pediatric psychology are welcome. New models for working with families or conducting family research, or the application of existing family models to these goals in pediatrics are appropriate.

*Empirical papers that illustrate the advancement of the methodology of family and systems research in pediatric psychology.* Papers bridging family research methods and other pediatric psychology research approaches are solicited. Other issues include approaches that provide solutions to pediatric research constraints, such as small sample size and attrition. Prospective methodologies are welcome.
Reports of family and systems interventions in pediatrics. Family and systems interventions, including preventive, programmatic approaches to enhancing competent functioning in families of ill children may be described. Innovative and integrative case studies are appropriate.

All submissions should be prepared according to the Instructions to Authors printed on the inside back cover of the Journal. The *Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association* (4th ed.) should be followed in preparing manuscripts. The *deadline for receipt of manuscripts is March 15, 1996*. Manuscripts should be submitted in quadruplicate, with a cover letter requesting special consideration for the special issue to: Anne E. Kazak, Ph.D., Associate Editor, JPP, Division of Oncology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 324 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-4399. 215-590-2220 (phone), 215-590-4183 (fax), kazak@al.mscf.upenn.edu