Editor's Note

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In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I am pleased to devote this special issue to the very important and timely topic of youth violence prevention. To this end, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Jennifer Matjasko, Greta Massetti, and Sarah Bacon of CDC's Division of Violence Prevention, who served as guest editors and co-authored the issue's introductory manuscript, to showcase some of the findings of and lessons learned from their grantees. I believe that their experience will be of great value to states or regions that are planning multicomponent youth violence prevention strategies of this nature.

I should add that, as is customary for all manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Primary Prevention, we subjected all but the one introducing this issue to a double-blind peer review process. I stepped in as an editor only when there was a potential conflict of interest between the authors and guest editors.

I look forward to publishing other special issues on important topics of wide interest to the public health field. In particular, I would be grateful if someone stepped forward to serve as a guest editor on an issue related to gun violence, which is perhaps the nation's most pressing under-researched public health topic.

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