Mental Health and Social Work Services in the Aftermath of Disasters

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The Special Issue of Clinical Social Work Journal (CSWJ) will explore the topic of disaster behavioral health and traumatic stress response work. This is a timely issue given the increase in weather related disasters, the record number of school shootings in the U.S., and the increase of terrorist attacks and armed conflict worldwide. This issue will present the available research on both current concepts and trends in the disaster literature, the immediate, short- and long-term sequelae, and treatment and screening options for each respective disaster phase. This issue will also cover resilience building, addressing the needs of disaster-affected children, secondary traumatic stress, and other issues related to disaster responders and humanitarian workers.

We welcome papers that reflect on the following themes:

- Evidence-based practices for disaster behavioral health in the acute, short- and long-term phases
- Screening for acute distress and other symptoms post-disaster
- Long-term psychological symptoms and experiences of victims and survivors
- Teaching and training mental health responders
- Best practices for working with children after a disaster
- Mitigating secondary trauma in mental health and humanitarian aid responders
- Building psychological resilience among mental health responders

Abstracts should be submitted directly to the Guest Editors (April Naturale, ANaturale@aol.com & Jennifer Bauwens, jlb596@nyu.edu) by April 15, 2014. First drafts of accepted papers will be due by August 15, 2014. All papers will be blind reviewed.

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