

Call for Papers for a Special Issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Issue Title: Policy Approaches to Improve Children's Diet Quality, Food Security, and Health

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The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (JAND) is pleased to introduce a Special Issue focused on evidence for policy approaches to improve children's diet quality, food security, and health. A robust literature documents the challenges families face in raising children who consume a diet consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Although there is a role for child and family-directed dietary interventions, societal level changes are necessary to change our food environment. The question this special issue aims to answer is: What would it take to transform our current environment into one where it is easier for parents to raise healthy children?

The goal of this issue is to publish research papers, research briefs, scoping reviews, and systematic reviews that address policy changes designed to support children's diet quality, food security, and health. Articles addressing the following areas are encouraged:

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| 1. breastfeeding; | 5. food marketing to youth; |
| 2. child care; | 6. sugary drink taxes; |
| 3. schools | 7. food labeling; and |
| 4. federal child nutrition programs; | 8. social media. |

This is not an exhaustive list of topics that will be considered for this Special Issue.

Authors who are interested in submitting an article for this Special Issue are required to **submit an abstract (up to 300 words) to marlene.schwartz@uconn.edu by March 15, 2024**. The structured abstract should reflect the relevant sections described in JAND's Manuscript Preparation Guidelines (<https://www.jandonline.org/content/authorinfo#abs>). Abstract submissions including plans to analyze data will not be considered.

Invitations to submit a full manuscript to JAND will be sent by April 15, 2024. An invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee publication. All articles will undergo a full peer review process. All submissions should be prepared according to JAND's Manuscript Preparation Guidelines and submitted in the portal under the category "Policy Approaches" by July 1, 2024.

Deadlines:

- Abstracts due March 15, 2024 – send to marlene.schwartz@uconn.edu
- Invitations to submit a full article sent by April 15, 2024
- Full articles are due July 1, 2024 - submit using the JAND Editorial Manager portal