CALL FOR PAPERS – CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

The Colorado Journal of Psychiatry and Psychology will publish a second issue focused on child and adolescent mental health in 2016. Papers may report the results of research studies, quality or process improvement projects, and literature reviews. Case reports and commentaries will also be considered for publication in the Journal.

For this 2016 issue, the Colorado Journal of Psychiatry and Psychology particularly encourages the submission of papers related to Depressive and Bipolar Disorders in children and adolescents.

The Colorado Journal of Psychiatry and Psychology is a peer-review journal published by the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Colorado School of Medicine. The goal of the Journal is to promote the science and practice of mental health care and the training of mental health professionals with a particular focus on Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region. This issue on child and adolescent mental health is sponsored by the Department’s Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and its primary clinical, training, and research program, the Pediatric Mental Health Institute of Children’s Hospital Colorado. Drs. Emily Edlynn and Marissa Schiel are serving as Associate Editors for this issue.

Faculty and trainees are encouraged to submit as co-authors. Submissions from the greater Colorado child and adolescent mental health community are also encouraged.

Guidelines for Specific Article Types

Articles. Regular articles are manuscripts that analyze and interpret the results of research or quality and process improvement projects that have collected primary data about children and adolescents in community and clinical settings, or the training of child and adolescent mental health professionals. The text cannot exceed 4,000 words (not including abstract, figures, tables, and references). The text of the paper should include the following sections: introduction, methods, results, discussion. Papers may include a maximum of 5 tables and figures and up to 40 references. A 250-word structured abstract (introduction, methods, results, conclusions) should also be submitted with the article.

Only papers that report the results of projects that have been approved by the appropriate institutional review board or quality improvement committee will be considered for publication. Clinical trials should be registered with clinicaltrials.gov. Please enquire with the Associate Editors if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Reviews. Review articles provide a critical analysis of the literature relevant to the science and practice of child and adolescent mental health care or the training of child and adolescent mental health professionals. The text cannot exceed 6,000 words (not including figures, tables, and references). A 250-word unstructured
abstract should also be submitted with the article. Review articles may include a maximum of 5 tables and figures and up to 75 references.

**Case Reports and Case Conferences.** *Case Reports* describe an issue in mental health treatment that presents challenges to clinical practice. An idealized case vignette in one to three paragraphs should be presented at the beginning of the report, followed by a review of the literature that can focus on epidemiology, pathophysiology, and evidence-based treatment as appropriate. The concluding paragraphs should summarize what the authors believe is best to do in this and similar clinical situations given the available evidence and experience. **Case Conferences** follow the format of presentations in Grand Rounds, Case Conferences, or other comparable forum. The CARE guidelines for Case Reports (www.care-statement.org) is a helpful source for guiding the preparation of Case Conferences and Case Reports. The text for Case Conferences and Case Reports cannot exceed 3,500 words, up to 40 references, and 1 table or figure.

**Commentaries.** These papers may address virtually any important topic in child and adolescent mental health including public health, health policy, research, clinical practice, training and education. The text cannot exceed 2,000 words, with up to 10 references, and 1 table or figure.

**Email of Intent.** Please email a Letter of Intent to Ms. Gio Macias (giomara.macias@childrenscolorado.org). This letter is non-binding, and is not required, but will enable the editorial staff to prepare for the peer review of your paper. The Letter of Intent should include the title of the paper, authors, and a brief overview of the article you will be submitting.

**Issue Timeline**

- 05/29/15 - non-binding "Letter of Intent"
- 10/02/15 - submission deadline
- 11/13/15 - peer review comments back to authors
- 01/08/16 - revised papers due back to editors, move into production
- 04/2016 - publish issue