



## Working with Diverse Communities Update January 2015

*Greetings from JSI!*

The recently published results of the WAVE study--Well-Being of Adolescents in Vulnerable Environments--contribute greatly to the evidence base documenting the impact of the social determinants of adolescent health. The WAVE study focuses on adolescents growing up in impoverished sections of five cities around the world-Baltimore, Ibadan, Johannesburg, New Delhi, and Shanghai. The researchers sought to examine systematically social and environmental factors associated with poorer and better health, and to explore the youths' perspectives on the positive and negative aspects of their environments.

The [December 2014 issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health](#) is fully devoted to the WAVE study and is available to all via Open Access. It includes articles on the influence of neighborhood contextual factors on adolescent health, the association between social support and mental health among vulnerable adolescents, prevalence and determinants of teen pregnancy in disadvantaged urban environments and much more. Check it out!



For more tools and resources on the social determinants of adolescent health and working with diverse communities, visit our [website](#). For technical assistance, please [contact JSI](#).

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