

**Introduction**

**HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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In this volume, *Housing and Society* continues to explore the theme of housing for people with special needs. While Volume 18(2) concentrated upon older adults, this issue addresses other special populations within the social and cultural context. Peter Chi examines migrant farmworkers living in substandard housing in the home community and at camp and raises the concern of discrimination. Milton Argeriou, Dennis McCarty and Bruce MacDonald consider men and women recovering from substance abuse and discuss obstacles such as lack of funds, zoning restrictions and neighborhood resistance. Susan Winchip looks at the empirically based information regarding the influence of the home environment on children. Norma Nealeigh and Gwendolyn Brewer investigate Native Americans as a poorly housed, disadvantaged minority. Pat Harrison considers low-income housing for Laotian refugees and discusses balancing cultural assimilation in the community with cultural maintenance of Laotian traditional behaviors. Each paper makes a strong case for serious attention to distinctive problems for special populations. Therefore, we can better solve the housing problems if we understand these special populations. (See "Introduction to Special Issue" in Volume 18, Number 2.)

As a logical sequel to the first Special Issue, this volume now turns to the examination of the general population. The paper by Sue Crull, Marilyn Eichner Bode and Earl Morris on residential mobility considers special groups in the general population and examines the constraints that impinge upon the ability to engage in a change of residence within a local area. The paper by Mikyoung Ha and Margaret Weber also helps to make the transition to the general population by exploring an environmental evaluation model.

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