

The Experience of Housing Instability and Black Sexuality Amongst African American Women

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Abstract

This study shows how neighborhoods with high levels of violence affect the mental health of low-income, African-American mothers who live in Englewood and surrounding Chicago communities. Specifically, this study will examine how neighborhood violence affects depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Interviews and mental health scales were conducted with 93 African-American mothers in and around Englewood. Mixed methods will be used, which will include coding and analyzing transcriptions. The preliminary results of this research show that neighborhood violence negatively affects the mother's mental health.