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Lived Worlds of Autistic Women and Girls: A Neurodiversity Affirming Lifespan Perspective

Message from the Guest Editors

Autistic women and girls* present features of their diagnosis differently to males across all key criteria; social communication, social interaction, special interests and sensory sensitivities. This differing profile in part explains discrepancies in the diagnostic rates between females and males, although greater masking abilities in women and bias/lack of knowledge in professionals also contribute. In this upcoming Special Issue of *Behavioral Sciences*, we explore the journey of autistic women and girls across pivotal periods of development, e.g., early social experiences, building gender identity, adolescence and establishing meaningful relationships, multiple diagnoses, pregnancy and parenthood, careers and aging. We are particularly keen to showcase ND-affirming research, either through co-production, positive psychology or strength-based approaches or investigating community-endorsed practices. We welcome theoretical or applied investigations that contribute to this story, including novel qualitative or quantitative research or systematic reviews.

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