

Special Issue

The Mental Health of Persons with Disabilities; towards Co-produced Solutions

Message from the Guest Editors

Mental health is a human right, and it is important for social and occupational functioning and participation. Globalization and technological advancement have created new avenues and opportunities with regard to mental health services. The COVID-19 pandemic has also provided new insights into the relevance of mental health and why persons with disabilities should be prioritized in the provision of services. While this 'new knowledge' and understanding exist, it is not apparent what must be done to realize inclusive mental healthcare services for persons with disabilities, especially in low-resource settings. Additionally, proposed interventions often preclude the voices of persons with disabilities and their family care givers. This Special Issue is an open call to document and highlight evidence how equitable mental healthcare for persons with disabilities could be realized. We seek novel ideas that address the problem of mental health for persons with disabilities in collaboration with the affected individuals and their families.

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