Special Issue

Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a serious public health issue. The estimated prevalence of ASD is 18.5 per 1000 (1 in 54) 8-year-old children in the United States. This Special Issue of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH) focuses on ASD and public health. We will accept manuscripts from different disciplines inside and outside public health as long as the studies can demonstrate the impact of their ASD research on public health. Here are some examples of areas of interest that could be addressed in this Special Issue: epidemiology, education, services research, intervention studies, health policy, genetic and genomic research, maternal and child health, health education and behavior, screening, early identification, and diagnosis. In addition to these examples, we are also open to other topics. Original research, review articles, secondary data analysis studies, and perspectives, opinions, and commentaries are welcome for this issue.

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