

**National Autism Awareness Month- Child Life Services with Patients with Autism  
Spectrum Disorder  
(April)**

**Title:** Working with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in a Medical Setting: Insights from Certified Child Life Specialists

**Review:** Child life specialists in this study conducted surveys to assess how the needs of the ASD population are being met in healthcare settings. This study concluded that many CCLS as well as other medical professionals lack adequate training in working with this population and would benefit from continuing education or professional development opportunities regarding this topic.

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**Keywords:** Autism Spectrum Disorder, hospital, development, coping, preparation, child life

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**Title:** Meeting the Needs of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families in Hospital Settings: The Perspectives of Certified Child Life Specialists and Nurses

**Review:** This study also highlights the limitations of the background of healthcare professionals in regarding to the ASD population, while also identifying some of the key qualities in providing optimal care for these patients and families. The six most identified themes were: partner with the family, individualize care, advocate for more education, understand ASD is a spectrum of differences, think psychosocially not just medically, and emphasize consistency in care.

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**Keywords:** child life, pediatric healthcare, autism

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**Title:** Addressing Dental Fear in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study Using Electronic Screen Media

**Review:** Dental care is a significant unmet need in the ASD community, due to fear and need for anesthesia. The findings of this randomized control trial suggest that certain electronic screen media technologies may be useful tools for reducing fear and uncooperative behaviors among children with ASD undergoing dental visits, similar to interventions child life specialists use.

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**Keywords:** children, autism spectrum disorders, electronic screen media, dental fear

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**Title:** Support Needs and Coping Strategies as Predictors of Stress Level among Mothers of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Review:** The findings of this article really emphasize the need for individualized, constantly evolving, patient and family centered care. Reducing maternal stress levels can be accomplished more easily in healthcare settings by assuring that the family has their psychosocial needs met and is receiving care that is tailored to their patient's individual needs. It is the responsibility of the whole healthcare team to meet needs when they can, and provide appropriate referrals when needs are out of their scope.

**Year of Publication:** 2017

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**Keywords:** ASD, family, coping, support

**APA Citation:** Kiami, S. R., & Goodgold, S. (2017). Support needs and coping strategies as predictors of stress level among mothers of children with autism spectrum disorder. *Autism Research and Treatment*, 2017, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2017/8685950>