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Prevalence of sexual violence against d/Deaf and h/Hard-of-hearing children, adolescents and young adults – A Scoping Review

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Dear colleagues,

we are currently planning a scoping review on the prevalence of sexual violence against d/Deaf and h/Hard-of-hearing (DHH) children, adolescents and young adults. To this end, we are looking for relevant studies, research reports, posters and presentations as well as doctoral theses and first results of ongoing studies. Below you will find information on the review:

Background

Current data indicates a higher vulnerability to sexual violence against DHH people compared to hearing peers (Barth, Bermetz, Heim, Trelle & Tonia, 2013; Mailhot Amborski, Bussières, Vaillancourt-Morel & Joyal, 2022). Children, adolescents and young adults are particularly at risk for sexual violence (Andrews, Corry, Slade, Issakidis & Swanston, 2004). So far, there have been no national or international reviews that summarize the current state of research with regard to DHH young people.

Research objectives

The aim of the scoping review is to outline existing studies on the current state of research on the prevalence of sexual violence against DHH children, adolescents and young adults.

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Methods

Literature Search

Literature is searched in five electronic databases (*Medline*, *ERIC*, *PsycInfo*, *PSYNDEX*, *Embase*). Additionally, manual search is conducted in peer-reviewed journals (*Child Abuse & Neglect*, *Child Maltreatment*, *Empirische Sonderpädagogik, Sexuality and Disability*, *Sonderpädagogische Förderung heute*, *The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*, *Vierteljahrsschrift für Heilpädagogik und ihre Nachbargebiete*, *Zeitschrift für Sexualforschung*).

Inclusion Criteria

To present a comprehensive outline of the prevalence of DHHs' sexual violence experiences, we include:

- peer-reviewed research papers as well as final research reports, posters, conference presentations, first results of ongoing studies and doctoral theses that examined prevalence of sexual violence against DHH youth
- studies of people who have a diagnosis/report of hearing loss (e.g. d/Deaf, h/Hard-of-hearing, central auditory processing disorder, deafblind, multisensory impaired)
- studies of people who have experienced sexual violence during childhood, adolescence or young adulthood
- publications published in English or German between 1985 and 2023.

Coding

The titles, abstracts and full-text-screenings are double-coded by two independent coders.

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We would like to invite you to send us national and international relevant publications for our review until **May 21st 2023!** Please mail to dennis.oberleiter@edu.lmu.de

Kind regards from Munich,
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