

Quality of Life (QoL) Frameworks for Individuals with IDD and Their Prevalence in Current Academic Literature

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Introduction/Background

Quality of Life (QoL)

- Assesses social, psychological and health domains.
- Informs care, fulfillment, and areas for improvement when supporting the needs of individuals with IDD.

Types of QoL Frameworks

With respect to individuals with IDD

- a) Amplify voices
- b) Identify any denial of rights which can be modified by caretakers

Cultural QoL:

- Access to events or communities
- Celebrate identity, inclusion and diversity
- Embraces intersectionality

Types of QoL Frameworks cont'd

QoL with respect to COVID-19

- High rates of abuse, neglect, and maltreatment of students with IDD during the height of the virus

QoL within the health domain

- Access to medical care, insurance, medical knowledge, communication

QoL with family/caregivers (FQoL)

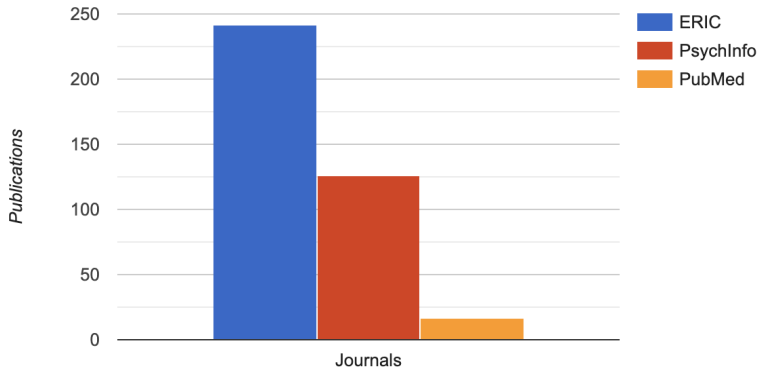
- Family quality of life is significant to consider
- Emotional and mental toll of caretaking must be acknowledged and the FQoL attempts to capture this

Methods

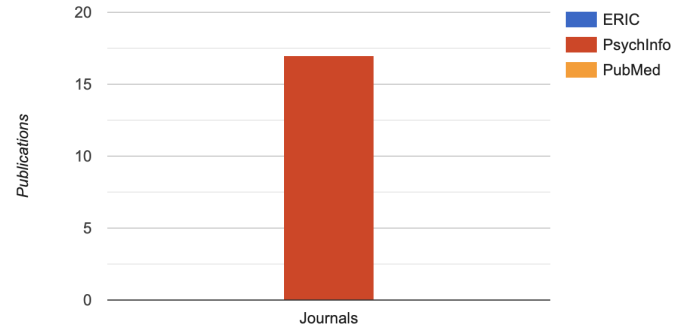
- Use of PsychInfo, PubMed, and ERIC
- Inclusionary criteria
 - Peer-reviewed
 - Published for no longer than five years
- Key terms searched for in all databases
 - QoL and IDD, cultural QoL and IDD, health QoL and IDD, family/caretaker QoL, a QoL related to COVID and IDD

Findings

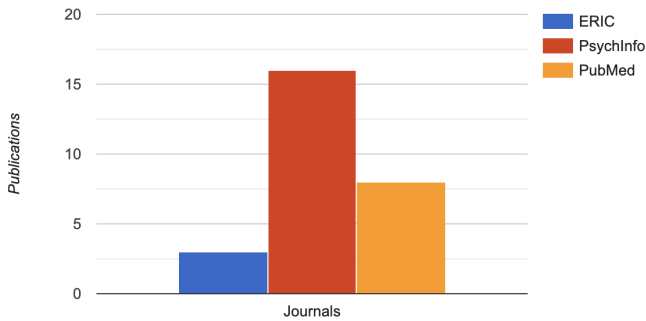
General QoL



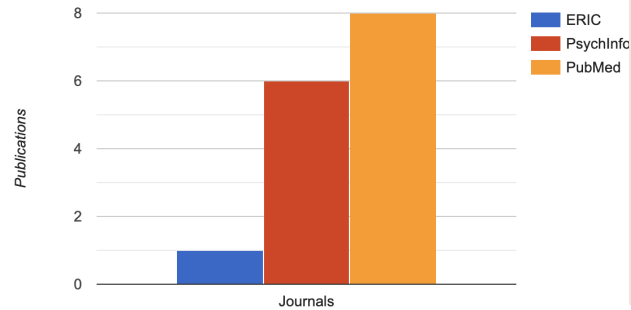
Cultural QoL



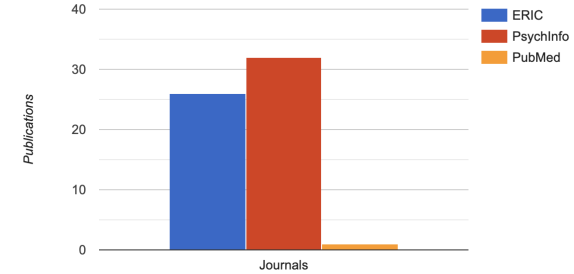
Family QoL



Health QoL



COVID QoL



Implications & Moving Forward

- Giving QoL measures to parents/caregivers is not standard practice
- Cultural QoL considerations not present in two of the major search engines looked at
 - holds gaps in education AND health
- Research to practice gap

Moving Forward

- Turn this research into a comprehensive approach by looking at journals in depth to assess the rigor in which QoL is studied under specific domains

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