

Editorial Policy

The Journal on Developmental Disabilities is published three times yearly by the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD). The Association has established the following objective for the journal:

To foster and promote thoughtful and critical dialogue about relevant issues in the field of developmental disabilities, including those broader social issues that impact on persons with developmental disabilities.

Content

Each issue features a selection of research, conceptual, informational, and editorial papers. An issue may have a central theme. Reviews of relevant books, movies, websites, software, and other resources are welcomed, as are letters to the editor. In this way we strive to collectively enrich our understanding of issues, encourage stimulating debate among those working in the field, and improve services.

Language

Submissions are invited in either French or English and, if accepted, will be printed in the language of submission with an abstract in the other language. Submissions must be free of any gender and ethnic bias. People-first language (e.g., persons with developmental disabilities) must be used throughout the manuscript (including figures and tables). Submissions must also use the non-possessive form in eponyms (e.g., Down Syndrome not Down's Syndrome).

Editorial Process

Each submission will undergo a peer review by two or more reviewers with relevant expertise. The authors of the manuscripts will not be identified to the reviewers. The reviewers will recommend for or against publication and provide their reasons. Reviewers are asked to judge the manuscript on several criteria including its contribution to increasing our knowledge and clarity of communication. The reviewers are asked to write in a positive and constructive manner to help the authors improve their work, if necessary. Reviewers are asked to complete the reviews within two weeks using electronic communication.

Final Decision

The Editor-in-Chief, or guest editor, reserves the final decision regarding publication of a submission. To promote the publication of theme issues, the Editor reserves the right to decide in which issue to publish the article if it has been accepted.

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