

**PARTICULARITIES OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN CHILDREN
WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN BIHOR COUNTY -
PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS**

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Abstract

The Autistic Spectrum Disorder is almost unknown in Romania, as well as the problem of people with autism spectrum disorder and their families are still approached at a marginal or conjectural level by the law enforcement authorities. Autistic Spectrum Disorder is a condition with long-term impact on the family of the person who is diagnosed with this disorder, affecting both the social, economic, family, professional, personal and health dimensions of the entire family. Family is a unit in itself, an organic body in which dynamic processes take place in every component, as well as interactions between its members. The family is an active system in a state of continuous flow. When the child is diagnosed, the structure and balance of the family changes, all its resources focusing on the needs of the child with autistic spectrum disorder. Currently, family functioning is examined from a multidimensional perspective known as Family Quality of Life (FQOL), family life, in which families are understood to have both positive and negative outcomes, and the interconnected nature of the system is accepted as fundamental. Although the family has been recognized in disability literature for a period of time, specific research into the quality of family life is relatively new, being considered only in the last decade. This field is based on extensive quality of life (QOL) literature for people with intellectual disabilities. The objective of this research was to describe some features specific to children with autistic spectrum disorders in Bihor County.

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