Siblings of adolescents with disabilities often share caregiving responsibilities with parents. More research is needed to understand the impact and dynamics on the sibling relationship during adolescence.

In recent studies, 85% of participants were white. Future research must include families who are culturally and socioeconomically diverse.

Every family experiences stress and challenges. Raising an adolescent with disabilities can amplify that stress. It is critical to better understand the effectiveness of current social worker supports and interventions and offered to families with adolescents with disabilities and to identify new evidence-based practices.

Most studies focus on negative effects of caregiving on parents of adolescents with a disability. Research needs to be done to better understand the positive aspects of parenting an adolescent with a disability.

Are the services that communities have in place for adolescents with disabilities making a difference? Research needs to be done to understand how the design and delivery of services can be most effective for families and the communities they live in.

Social Impacts

Family Support Interventions

Positive Impacts of Caregiving

Cultural & Socioeconomic Diversity