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Abstract

Background Caregivers in this qualitative study reported the multidimensional implications of having a child with autism on their family's lives and overall functioning.

Method The Effects of the Situation Questionnaire (Yatchmenoff, Koren, Friesen, Gordon, & Kinney, 1998) was used to gather qualitative data from 80 caregivers. Colaizzi's (1978) phenomenological data analysis method was used to analyse the caregivers'

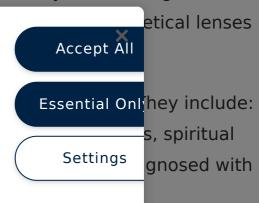
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Conclusions The results of this study offer valuable insight into how helping professionals may attend to the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual dimensions of those caring for an individual with autism.

Q Keywords: autism caregiving biopsychosocial-spiritual ecological systemic

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