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Factors associated with violence among persons with an intellectual disability living in the community

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Summary

Violent and aggressive behavior exhibited by individuals with intellectual disabilities, whether it be physical or verbal, against others, the environment or one's self, is an important obstacle to full social and vocational integration. It is also a source of stress for family, friends, case managers and clinicians in the health services. The objectives of this research are 1) to document the types and severity of aggressive behaviors among individuals with an intellectual disability living in the community but receiving services from three large agencies in the province of Quebec 2) to identify individual and environmental factors associated with different profiles of aggressive behavior among individuals with mild or moderate intellectual disabilities. The results of this study will help better understand the relative contribution of psychosocial factors to aggressive behavior, to contextualize violence, to identify mechanisms in order to better identify individuals who are at risk for violent behavior and eventually to provide direction towards interventions.

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