

The Effect of Participation in Organized Sports on Individuals Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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This six -week research program will examine the effect of participation in organized sports for those individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Research assistants will be involved in collecting the data from approximately 150 participants ages 9-45. After the survey data has been collected the research assistants will learn how to code the data so that it is ready to enter into SPSS (statistical software package). They will then be trained in cleaning the data set so that missing or unreadable data is dealt with. Various statistical analyses (e.g. ANOVA, regression) will be performed on the data. The research assistants will gain experience in writing up the results with a literature review as well.