



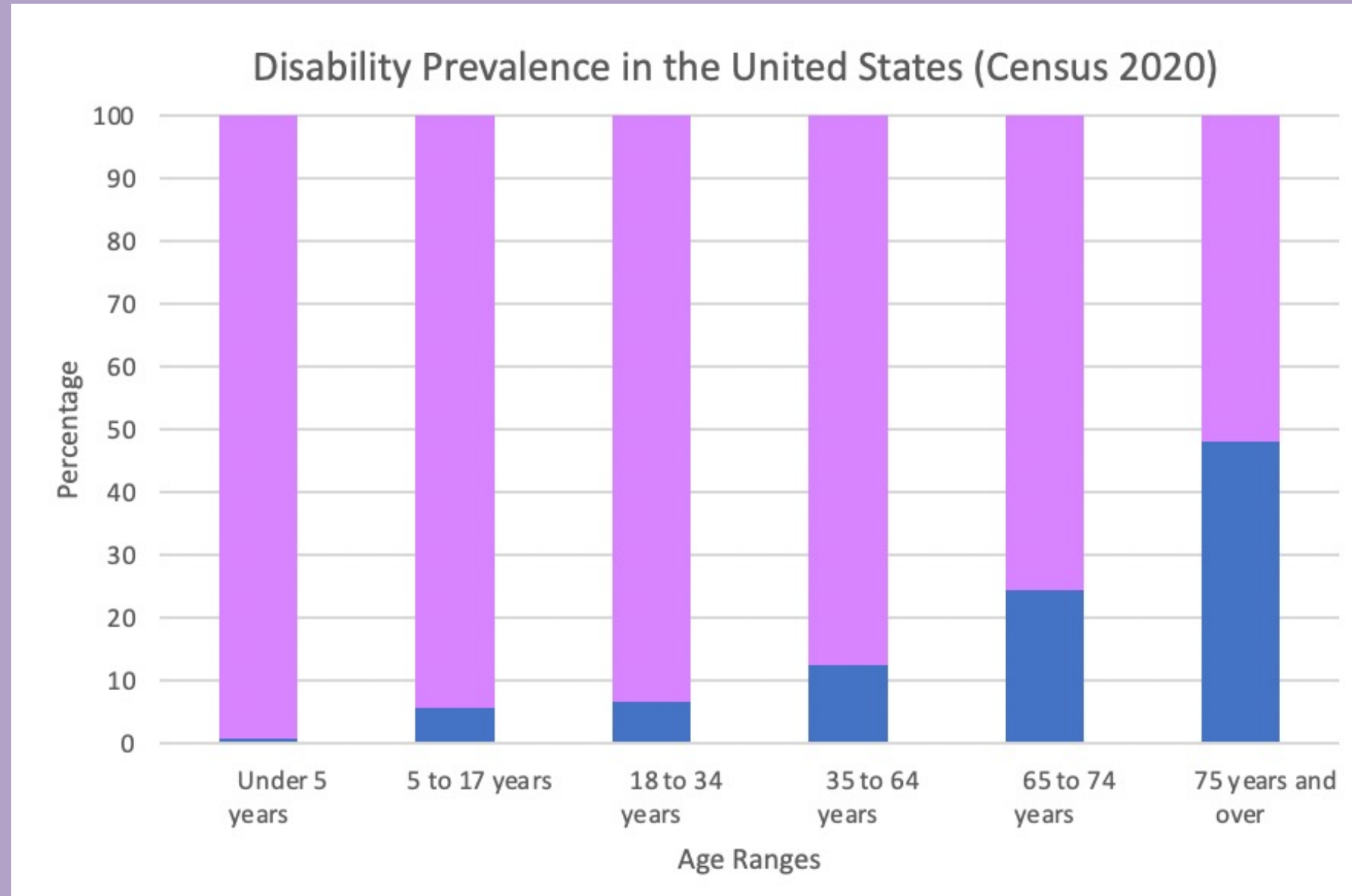
Access to Healthcare for People with Disabilities in the United States: Preliminary Results from a Systematic Review and Improving Early Developmental Screening in Minority Communities of Pittsburgh

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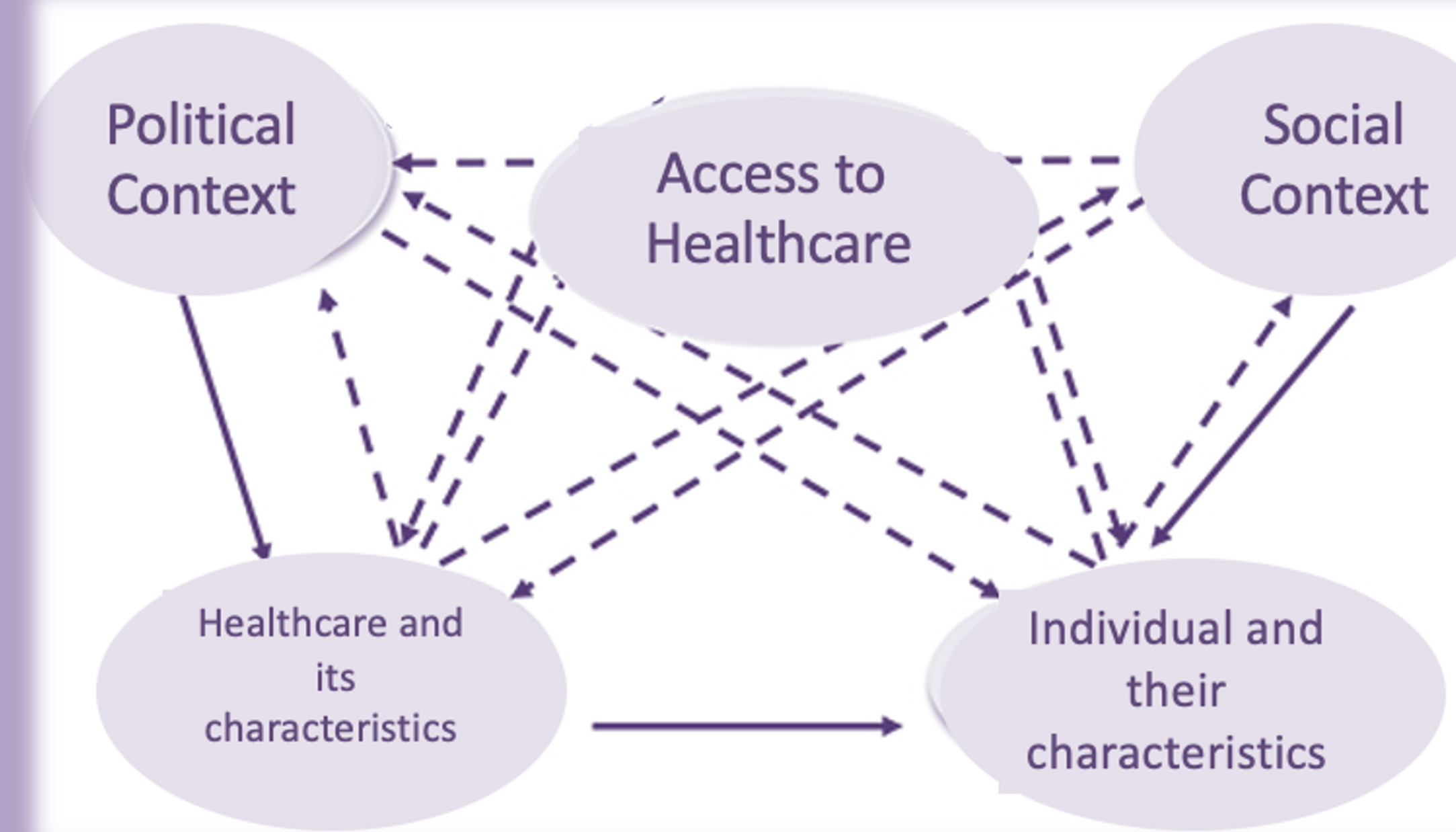


Introduction



Individuals with disabilities often have more health care needs than those without, however, emerging research demonstrates that their access to health care services may be more limited.

Access to health care is a basic human right and defined as the opportunity to have your health needs met.



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Objective

To synthesize the evidence on access to care experiences for individuals with disability, including barriers, facilitators, and care experiences, from the perspective of those with lived experience.

Methods

Design: A mixed-method systematic review

Search protocol: The search protocol was developed in collaboration with a trained and experienced librarian. Some key words and related search terms used to search in PubMed (NLM) and CINAHL(Ebscohost) included:

“Healthcare Services for People with Disabilities”
“Intellectual Disability”
“Developmental Disabilities”
“Affordability of Healthcare”

Exclusion criteria: Articles were excluded if the data was collected prior to 2014, was not based in the US, or if access to health care experiences were not reported by individuals with disabilities.

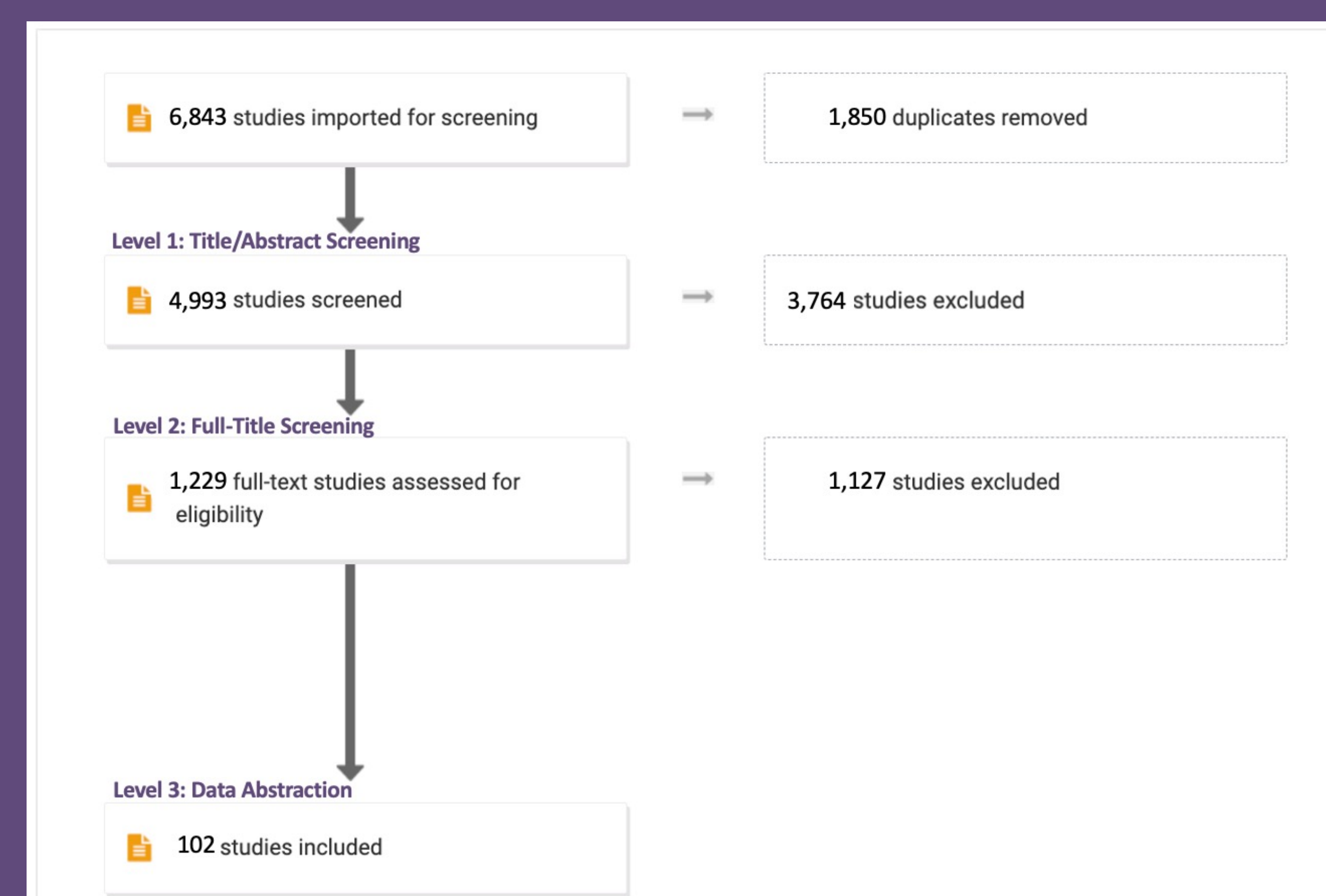
Article screening and data abstraction will be completed by two independent reviewers.

- Discrepancies were resolved by adjudication with a third reviewer

Data abstraction includes study and sample characteristics, quantitative and qualitative access to care results, and a quality assessment using the Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP).

Analyses: We will perform a Best Fit Framework analysis to deductive code data to the “Levesque’s Conceptual Framework of Access to Healthcare.” Data will be synthesized using a convergent, integrated approach in which quantitative data are qualitized and combined with qualitative data.

Results



Conclusion

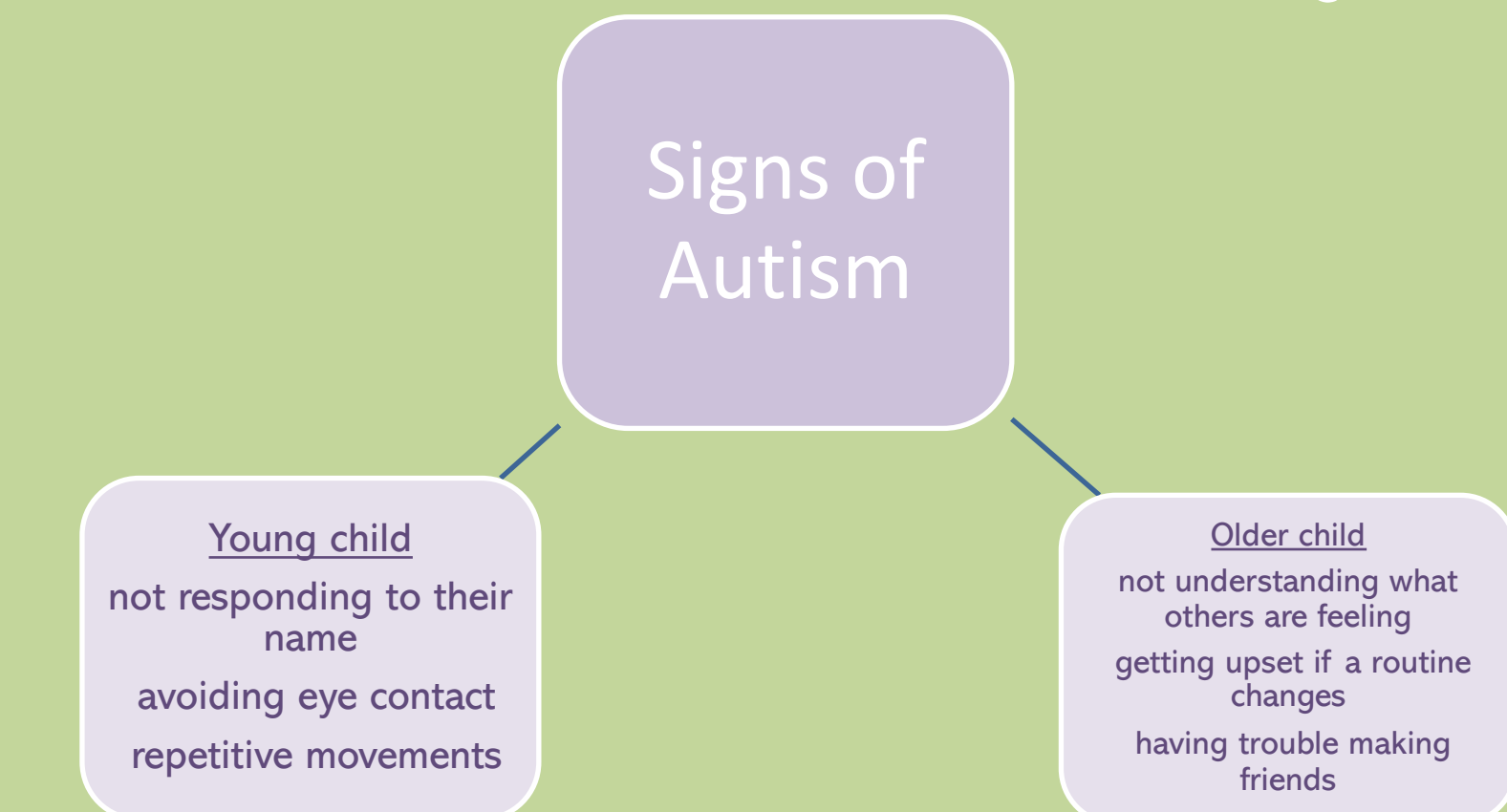


Results will characterize access to care experiences for individuals with disabilities living in the United States since 2014.

Barriers and facilitators identified will inform future research aimed at improving access to care.

Social Determinants of Health Enrichment

- This summer I had the opportunity to work with Luciana Randall from Autism Connections of Pennsylvania
- Working with Autism Connections allowed me to explore access to healthcare through the lens of barriers to Autism diagnosis
- The project’s focus was to look the diagnosis of Autism and how that may look differently for communities of color
- This involved those on the project reaching out to community health centers to organize a proper training about Autism diagnosis and me making a brochure to be left out for parents at the center
- My brochure focused on some of the following:



Barriers to Early Diagnosis

Stigma around diagnosis, cultural disconnection between medical professional and parents, and inadequate training of practitioners to properly recognize ASD in children of color

Unequal diagnosis rates between different communities

White children are about 19% more likely than black children and 65% more likely than Hispanic children to be diagnosed with autism²

Benefits to early intervention

Early intervention is linked to more success with programs that teach physical skills, thinking skills, communication skills, social skills, and emotional skills

I was also able to participate in Hazelwood’s Annual Autism Fun day and interact with families and children with and without an ASD diagnosis

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