Project Newsletter

Project progress update

This month marked the beginning of our community services awareness and advocacy. We presented our research at a national meeting for support workers of individuals with acquired deafblindness in Denmark and stressed the importance of family-inclusive services for all. Undergraduate psychology students attending the University of Copenhagen received a lecture on disability and relationships with particular attention to couples’ adjustment to hearing and vision loss. We hope to expand our advocacy outside of Denmark in the coming months.

More Details: www.psychology.ku.dk/isssl

More findings from round 1:

In round 1, most participants reported receiving a great deal of support from their partner (>90%). However, similar to other research reports, we found that 1/5th of individuals with sensory loss are experiencing some level of distress within their relationship, and for partners this number is almost 1/3rd. Because previous studies argue that open communication about one’s health condition is protective for couples, we are interested to see if this may also be the case for couples living with sensory loss. In round 1, most couples reported feeling comfortable talking about sensory loss, but approximately ¼ found it difficult or uncomfortable to do so. Following round 2, we will investigate further whether couples’ sensory loss-related communication is linked to both partners’ relationship satisfaction and emotional well-being.

Questions or comments?
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