Strengthening friendships of young persons with disabilities: A holistic framework

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Background
Friendship ‘work’ needs to shift from being the sole responsibility of persons with disability to being the shared responsibility of others in the social context [1].

Purpose
To find examples of strong and authentic friendships in the literature and ask: “What made this friendship possible?”

Method
An integrative review combining 1) articles on friendship experiences and interventions; 2) friendship intervention toolkits; and 3) an unpublished review by Holland Bloorview researchers and clinicians with articles spanning 1999 to 2013 [2].

Year Range of Updated Search
2013 to 2022

Databases Searched
MEDLINE, CINAHL, EMBASE, PsycINFO, Web of Science

Number of Identified Articles
14,931. Screening is ongoing.

References