



Identification of supports needed for children diagnosed with Down syndrome and leukemia to increase occupational participation

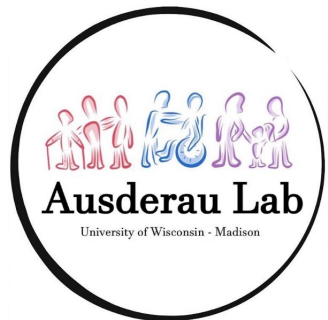
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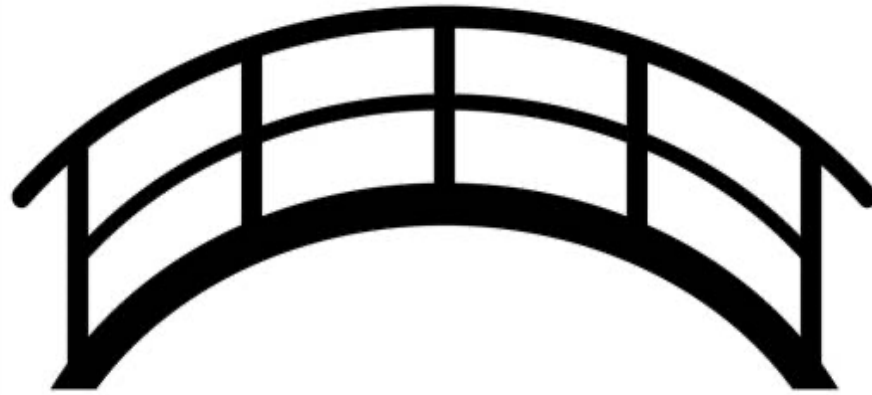
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56X Leukemia diagnosis

85% Survive 5+ years

↑ Developmental delays
Health problems



Dissertation Research Aims:

1



Understand existing **community resources** for children co-diagnosed with Down syndrome and leukemia, identify gaps in current supports available, and generate actionable recommendations to enhance support

2



Examine **caregivers'** psychological well-being and lived experience as they navigate their child's reintegration into daily life during early cancer survivorship.

3



Investigate the reintegration needs of **children with Down syndrome and leukemia** by integrating caregiver-reported measures, dyadic interviews, and activity observations.