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Call for Papers:

Narrative Symposium: Parenting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders During the Transition to Adulthood

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Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics will publish an issue devoted to personal stories of parenting children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) during the transition to adulthood. We are looking for stories from people who are parenting children along the entire range of the Autism Spectrum. Stories should offer a sense of what parents find rewarding as well as challenging. Stories about any aspect of the transition are welcome. We want true, personal stories in a form that is easy to read.

In writing your story, you might want to think about:

- How did available supports or services change during the transition period to adulthood?
- Do you think the transition to adulthood has been affected by your child's level of functioning or other health problems?
- What do you or your child disclose to others about their disability?
- What advice would you give to parents of younger children with ASDs about the transition?
- Did you obtain formal decision making authority (e.g. guardianship, conservatorship, power of attorney) for your child when they turned 18? Why or why not?
- What are the most surprising issues you encounter now?
- What do you think is important to share with others about the transition to adulthood for individuals with ASDs and their parents?

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You do not need to address these questions—write on the issues that you think are most important to share with others. You do not need to be a writer, just tell your story in your own words. We plan to publish 10 to 12 brief stories (800 – 2000 words) on this topic. Additional stories may be published as online-only supplemental material. We also publish two commentary articles that discuss the stories in the journal.

If you are interested in submitting a story, we ask you first to submit a 300-word proposal—a short description of the story you want to tell. Please include a statement about 1) your relationship to your child or children (mother, father, other parenting role), 2) your child's diagnosis (e.g. PDD-NOS, Autism, Asperger Disorder), 3) the age of your child now and the age at diagnosis or treatment for symptoms, 4) the main issues you propose to address.

Inquiries or proposals should be sent to the editorial office via email: narrativebioethics@gmail.com. We will give preference to story **proposals** received by Feb 29th.

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