Normative Interventions
Are they ethical when helping individuals with autism?

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Normative Interventions

Normative Interventions focus on behaviors individuals with autism may express and how to change them

Video Modeling- Videos modeling correct verbal responses to conversation topics

Self-Management- Tracking each time an individuals speaks

Social Stories- Stories to teach individuals others perspective

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Individuals with Autism's perspective

Individuals with autism want to have help learning how to set boundaries, gain confidence and self-assurance. They like who they are and do not want to change, just to learn skills to better manage in our world

Parents of Children with Autism's Perspective

Parents want the best for their child, for them to be confident, capable, functional members of society. They see a lot of the behaviors as disruptive, which is why they focus on normative interventions that address only the behaviors

AUTISM QUICK STATS

Autism Parenting — Magazine —

1 in 44 kids identified with autism

241% higher than baseline stats in 2000

Although autism can be diagnosed before a child reaches the age of two, most kids are diagnosed only after the age of **4**
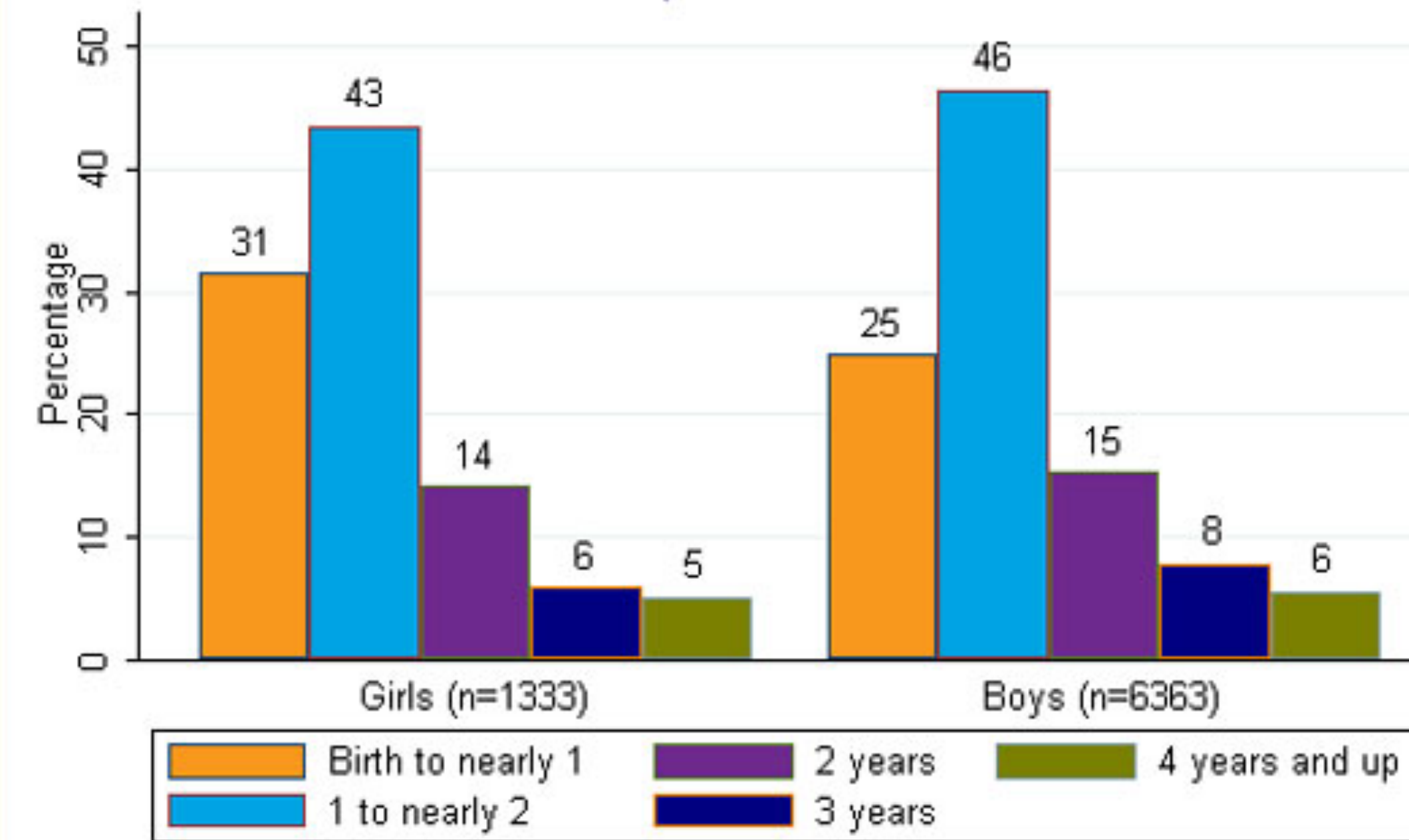
BOYS are 4X more likely to be diagnosed than GIRLS

40% are nonverbal
44% Have average or above average intellectual ability
31% have an intellectual disability

Timing of First Concern by Gender
IAN data updated Nov 16 2009 N=7696

	Girls (n=1333)	Boys (n=6363)
Birth to nearly 1	31	25
1 to nearly 2	43	46
2 years	14	15
3 years	6	8
4 years and up	5	6

Better Interventions to Consider

- When looking at interventions for individuals with autism, we need to look at ways to boost their self-confidence and provide the information they need to cope in the world.
- Teaching them better coping skills, and how to set boundaries
- Group therapy tends to help newly diagnosed autistic individuals meet others with similar issues, and learn that they are not alone in dealing with these difficulties.
- Minecraft servers that are heavily monitored, invite only has been another helpful intervention. One such server provided a safe community for individuals with autism of all ages to interact with each other, eventually encouraging non-verbal individuals to speak

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