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Experiences of Twice-Exceptional Russophone Families Displaced to the United States

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○ BACKGROUND & MOTIVATION

○ Over 123 million displaced worldwide by 2024

○ United States being the largest recipient

○ More than 8.8 million displaced due to the Russo-Ukrainian conflict

○ At least 651,000 entered the U.S. on humanitarian parole in 2024

○ 1 million of Russophone persons in the U.S. in 2019, 37% increase since 2000

○ Their experiences with twice-exceptionality have not been investigated



THE PRESENT STUDY



Anonymous Online Survey



Exploratory Research Design



Descriptive &
Phenomenological
Methodologies



How Best to Support
Russophone 2e Families
Displaced to the U.S.



HIGHLIGHTS

FAMILIARITY

96.8% familiar with *giftedness* vs.
56.5% familiar with *2e*

MOST PREVALENT LEARNING DIFFERENCE

Anxiety
(65.3%)

62 family units across 9 states
26 (41.9%) 2e

MOST PREVALENT CHALLENGE

The feeling of not fitting in
(73.1%)

MOST PREVALENT BENEFIT

Split between:
Openness towards other cultures and differences and
Ability to communicate with older generations
(76.9% each)

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS



More neurodiversity training
for educators



More resources in Russian



Inclusivity and acceptance of
individuals regardless of their
skin color, native language,
neurological differences, or
political stance



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THANK YOU!

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