

## Introduction

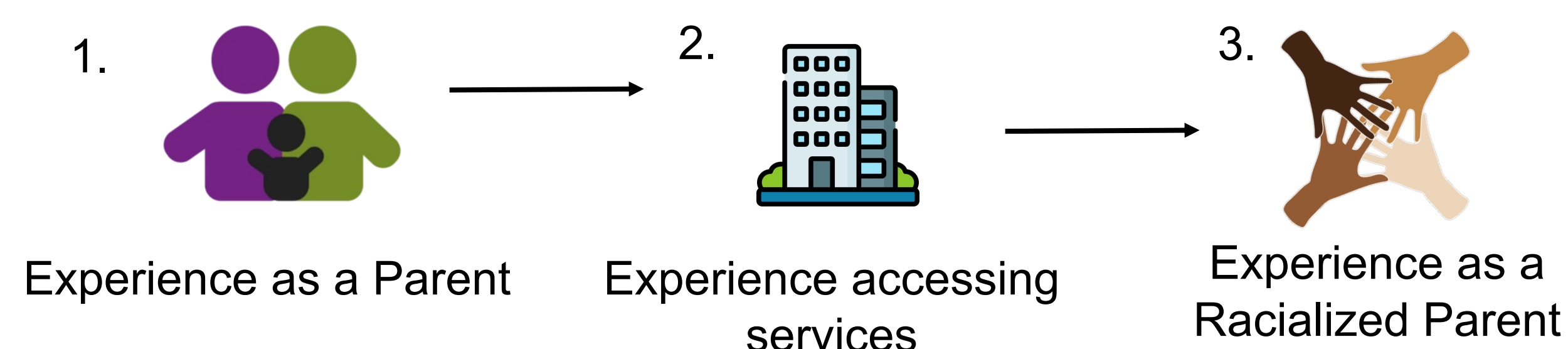
- Approximately 6.2 million Canadians aged 15 or older have one or more disabilities, and this number is expected to grow [1].
- From 2001 to 2021, the racialized population in Canada increased from 3.85 million to 8.87 million people [2].
- A major limitation is the lack of data on the intersection between **race and ableism** [3-4].
- There is limited knowledge on the interaction between race and disability, presenting a key knowledge gap [3-4].

### Research Question:

From the perspective of racialized caregivers of children with disabilities, how does race impact the access of services in a community-based pediatric rehabilitation setting?

## Methods

- **Participants:** 3 racialized mothers who had a child with a disability that were accessing services at Grandview Kids (aged 2-5, 6-12, 13-18), English speaking, and lived within the Durham Region.
- **Methods:** Multiple descriptive case study design. Consisted of **three** 45–60-minute individual, virtual, semi-structured interviews.
- **Data Analysis:** An inductive strategy was used to generate themes. NVivo 15 was used to analyze and organize themes into codes.



## Conclusion

The results of this study highlight that race and disability affect the way that parents access pediatric rehabilitation services. Parents expressed they wanted to see culturally tailored services and more diversity in staff members to increase comfort levels. This research will inform and guide the next steps to improve the delivery of services and programs.

## Results



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