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I. WHEREAS, Loyola Marymount University is committed to providing psychological services to its students. They state they are "committed to facilitating student growth and development of the whole person by providing high quality, confidential psychological services that are ethical, culturally informed, and social-justice oriented to ensure the inclusivity and safety for students".¹

II. WHEREAS, the university offers basic psychological help. 9.4% of children have ADHD and Autism.² 75% of those children go undiagnosed with ADHD. ¹/₄ of those children go undiagnosed with autism.³ Loyola Marymount University's student population is populated with many genders. Male children are 4 times more likely to be diagnosed with Autism than female children. ⁴

III. WHEREAS, part of the Student Psychological Services mission states how they are "committed to facilitating student growth and development of the whole person." Part of psychological growth is knowing what the root of the problem is.⁵

IV. WHEREAS, there are many options Loyola Marymount University provides, but more can be done to help students succeed, which includes psychological testing.

V. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ASLMU should communicate with the Student Psychological Services department the need for on-campus and university-provided psychological testing to guarantee students receive the help and diagnoses they need.

¹ University, Loyola Marymount. "About SPS." *About SPS - Loyola Marymount University*, https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/wellness/studentpsychologicalservices/aboutsps/.

² "Products - Data Briefs - Number 380 - September 2020." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 23 Sept. 2020, https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db380.htm.

³ "One-Fourth of Children with Autism Are Undiagnosed." *ScienceDaily*, ScienceDaily, 9 Jan. 2020, https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/01/200109130218.htm.

⁴ Yolande Loftus, BA. "Autism Statistics You Need to Know in 2022." *Autism Parenting Magazine*, 10 Oct. 2022, https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/autism-statistics/.

⁵ University, Loyola Marymount. "About SPS." *About SPS - Loyola Marymount University*, https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/wellness/studentpsychologicalservices/aboutsps/.

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