

Barriers to Service Use

What are Common Barriers?

About 2 in 3 of respondents for the PA Autism Needs Assessment reported barriers to accessing services, including:



Transportation



Shortage of Service Providers in Area



Scheduling Issues



- 1 in 3 children had trouble in finding a service provider

- Training to prepare providers to care for children with autism is needed

- New technology, such as telemedicine, could help children and families access providers and the services they need

- School age children had higher reported rates of scheduling issues than adults

- Without support, caregivers may face challenges in managing the healthcare needs of their child and the needs of the rest of their families

Spotlight on Transportation

- Older Pennsylvanians, including adults, with Autism more frequently report transportation as a barrier to receiving services

- Almost 1 in 3 adults with autism answering for themselves reported transportation as a barrier

- Pennsylvania has rural, suburban, and urban counties, and transportation options across these different geographic areas are needed

Why does this matter?

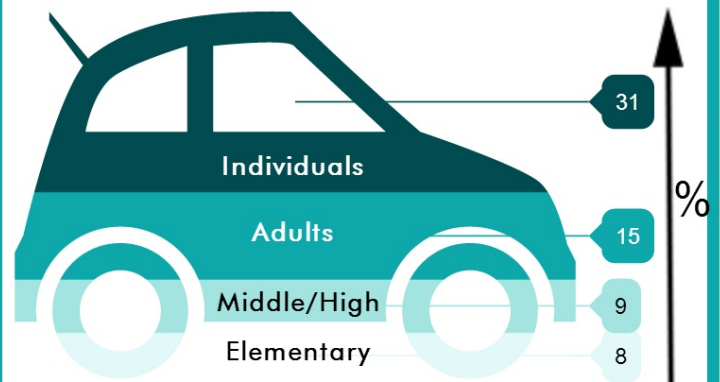
- Individuals with autism of all ages and their families need services to help support them in their communities

- Barriers to services, like lacking transportation, prevent individuals with autism from accessing the services they need

- Understanding the barriers that exist can help direct policies and programs that would support individuals with autism and their families in accessing the services they need

- Please call the ASERT Resource Center at 1-877-231-4244 for more information on how to find services in PA

Transportation as a Barrier



- Adults: Adults for whom a caregiver was the respondent

- Individuals: Individuals with autism who responded for themselves

For more information on autism in PA, visit:

pautism.org/needsassessment.

pautism.org/census

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