



## Interviews on Housing: Summary

Interviews with 6 adults on Autism Spectrum about autism and housing needs –  
 Conducted April 2020 by ISU Stevenson Center graduate students

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## Semi-structured Interviews



### Interview 1

- Lives with parents
- Works and drives
- Would like to find an apartment
- Loves to cook and wants a great kitchen



### Interview 2

- Lives with parents
- Looking for a job before looking for housing
- “I liked living with a roommate during college. I want that connection again.”



### Interview 3

- Soon to move into apartment with a friend
- Works on campus
- Public transit is a must
- Would like a “vent” room

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### Interview 4

- Lives independently but near family
- Pet friendly accommodations are a high priority
- Does not like loud noises – loud voices in particular



### Interview 5

- Enjoys living with parents
- Currently works
- Cooking limited to microwave
- Independent but would need parents help to look for housing



### Interview 6

- Has been living independently for nearly a decade
- Found housing through a friend
- Qualifying for subsidized rent is a high priority

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## Interview Takeaways

- Interviews performed with high-functioning individuals
- Finding employment is an important precursor to finding housing
- Access to public transit is a high priority
- For some socializing and having roommates is important, for others isolation is preferred
- Like most people looking for housing for the first time, individuals with ASD rely on family, friends, and other social networks to locate housing rather than existing assistance programs

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