



## Survey Results Summary

Findings from survey of parents and guardians of individuals on Autism Spectrum in McLean County (IL) about autism and housing needs –

Conducted April 2020 by ISU Stevenson Center graduate students

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## Survey Takeaways

- 90% of families are currently not seeking housing
- Only 5 families are on housing assistance waitlist with time on waitlist ranging from less than 1 year to 10 or more years
- Half of families receive some form of financial assistance
- Most needed types of services concern healthcare, transportation, community, and safety
- Largest housing needs are avoiding noises, keeping a strict schedule, and socializing with neighbors
- Largest worry of parents is when they become old, infirmed or pass on

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## Survey Participants

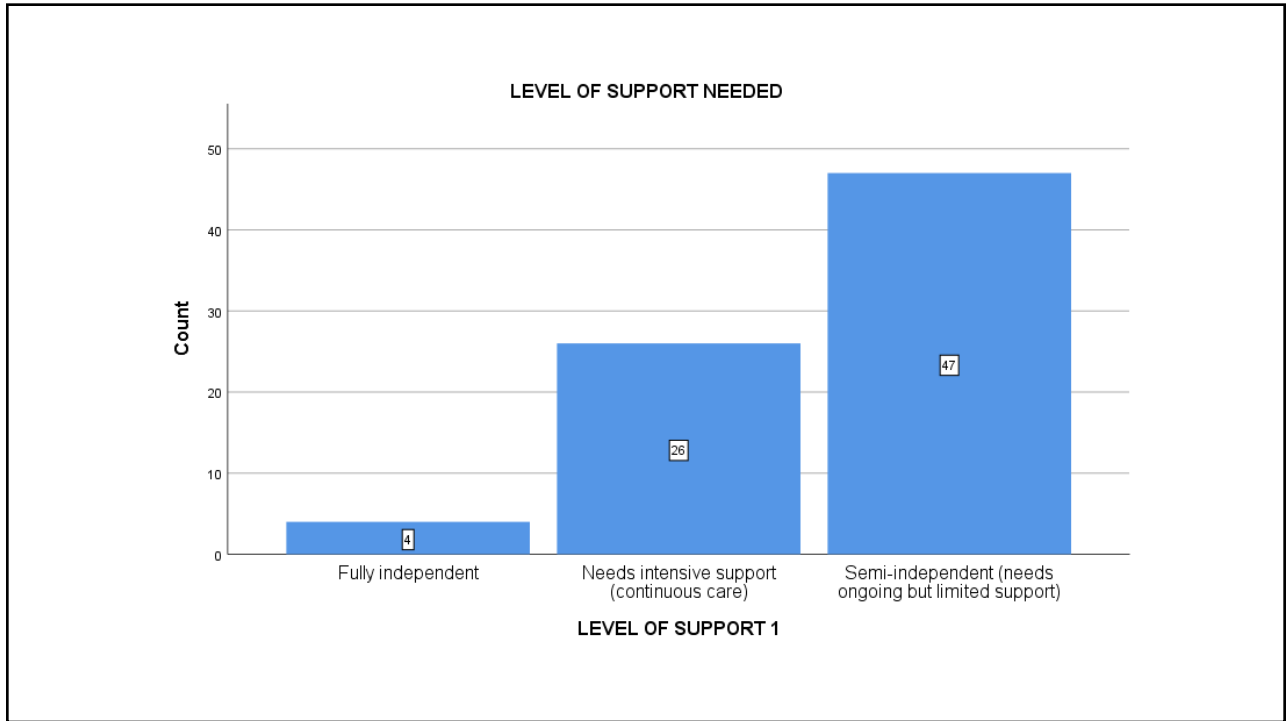
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| # Survey Respondents:             | 69 | Age of those with ASD:                 |    |
| # Son/daughter with ASD:          | 84 | • 16 yrs & under:                      | 45 |
|                                   |    | • 17 - 21 yrs:                         | 15 |
| # Individuals in family with ASD: |    | • 22 - 34 yrs:                         | 21 |
| • One:                            | 47 | • 35 - 54 yrs:                         | 2  |
| • Two or more:                    | 15 | • 55 and older:                        | 1  |
| Gender of those with ASD:         |    | Where people with ASD live:            |    |
| • Male:                           | 62 | • With parents or family member:       | 77 |
| • Female:                         | 22 | • Independently or Semi-Independently: | 6  |
|                                   |    | • Other (Northern Illinois Academy):   | 1  |

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**Does your son or daughter with ASD receive financial assistance from you or another organization for housing or residential services?**

| # | Answer | %      | Count |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes    | 49.28% | 34    |
| 2 | No     | 50.72% | 35    |
|   | Total  | 100%   | 69    |

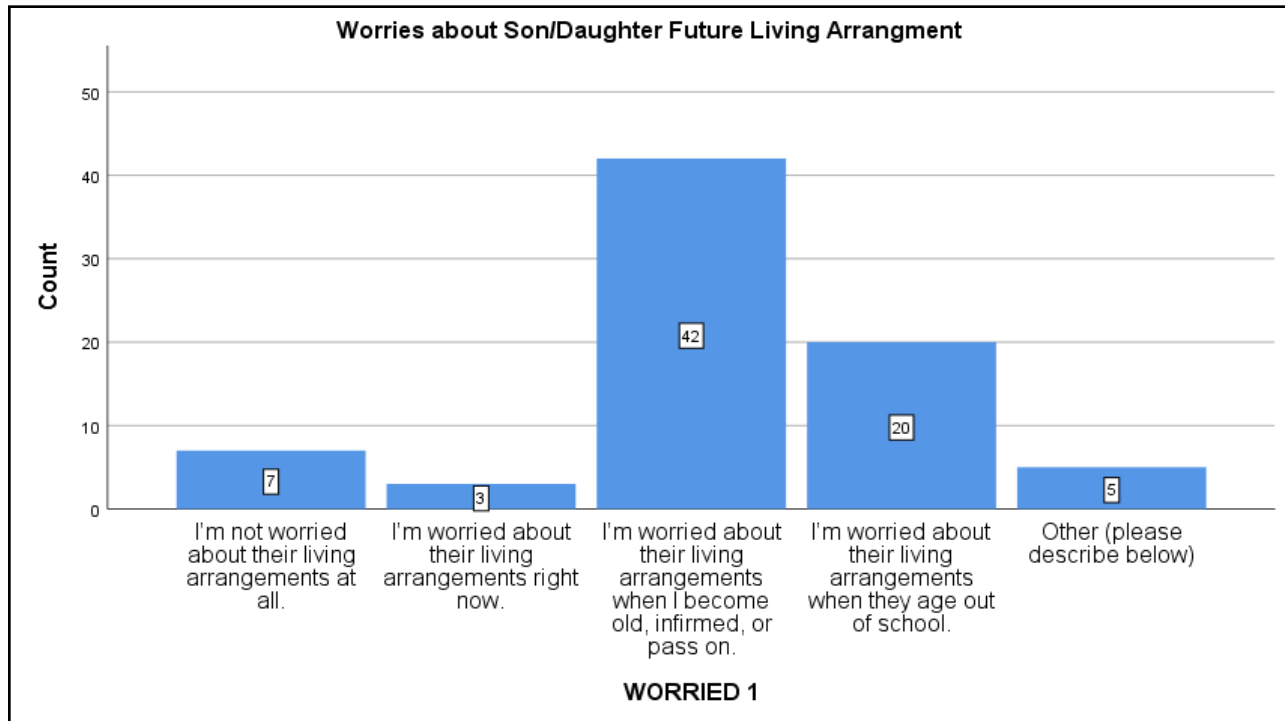
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### On a scale of 1 – 10, how worried are you?

Parents who were worried:

- now reported being an 8 on the worry scale.
- when child ages out of school reported being an 7.75
- when they themselves are old, infirm or pass on reported being an 8.33

Only 7 parents were not worried at all.

#### Descriptive Statistics

|                     | N  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
|---------------------|----|---------|---------|------|----------------|
| WORRIED NOW 1_1     | 3  | 6       | 10      | 8.00 | 2.000          |
| WORRIED AGE OUT 1_1 | 20 | 1       | 10      | 7.75 | 2.613          |
| WORRIED OLD 1_1     | 42 | 3       | 10      | 8.33 | 2.008          |

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