

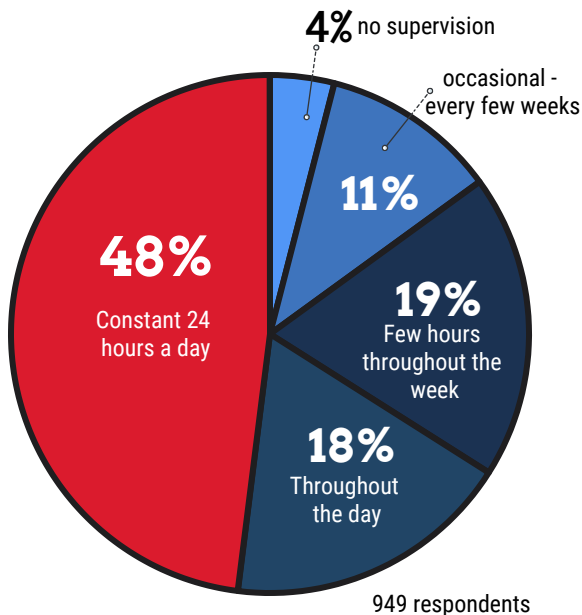
The Autism Society of California

2018 Survey Children and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Families in Crisis!



Supervision Needed to Go Out Into the Community



The Autism Society of California (ASC) estimates there are 425,000 children and adults living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, of which 80% are Regional Center clients. Additionally, there are an estimated 1.7 million California family members affected. The 2018 ASC Survey was conducted online from Oct 15th to Oct 31, 2018 in English, Spanish and Chinese for family members and English and Spanish for adults with ID/DD in which 1,215 surveys were analyzed.

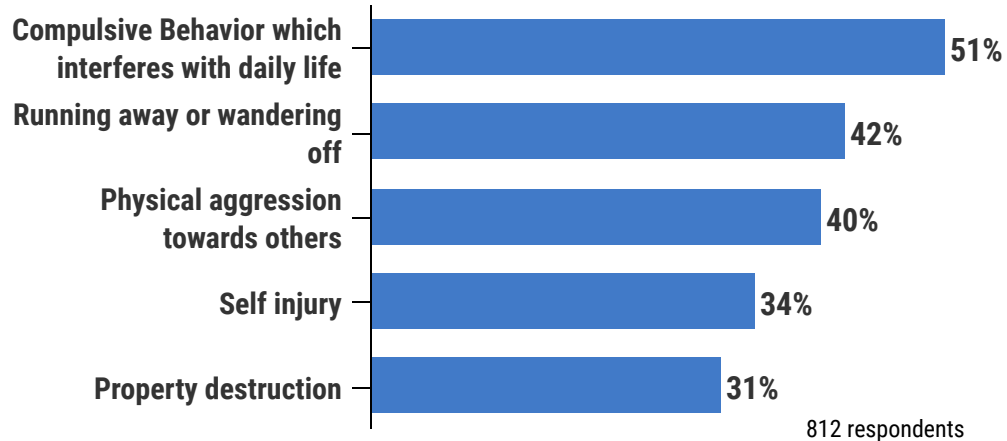
There is a wide range of support needed for this population. This is extremely important to remember when developing rates, new programs, and service delivery models.

The 2018 ASC Survey showed 66% have significant support needs to be safe in the community, be able to participate in social or recreational opportunities, make friends or have romantic relationships, be employed and find a supportive housing situation which works best for them. These numbers are similar to what we found on our 2016 ASC Survey in which 64% of the population needed significant supervision throughout the day and 6% reportedly need no supervision.

Behaviors Which Concern You Most (Multiple Answers)

It is important to point out that the behaviors family members are concerned about most can have some significant consequences.

Trying to find staff, work opportunities, housing and social opportunities for these individuals is proving difficult. If out in public, these behaviors could trigger a call to law enforcement highlighting the continued need for First Responder Training as well as qualified staff to accompany these individuals in public.



Communicating Basic Needs and Wants

Approximately 1 in 4 children/adults cannot communicate their most basic needs or wants. The 2018 ASC Survey participants reported that 26% of the individuals cannot communicate their most basic needs or want most of the time. This is a slight increase from the 2016 Survey which showed 21%. This is consistent with 2018 Boston University study showing 30 % of children with autism who never learn to speak more than a few words—those considered “nonverbal” or “minimally verbal.”

