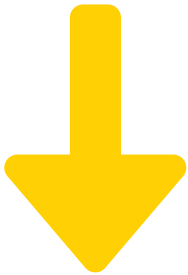


## WHAT ARE COMMON BARRIERS?

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



### TRANSPORTATION



#### 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, which means different transportation needs are required across widely different geographic areas.

#### Why does this matter?

- Individuals of all ages with autism 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.



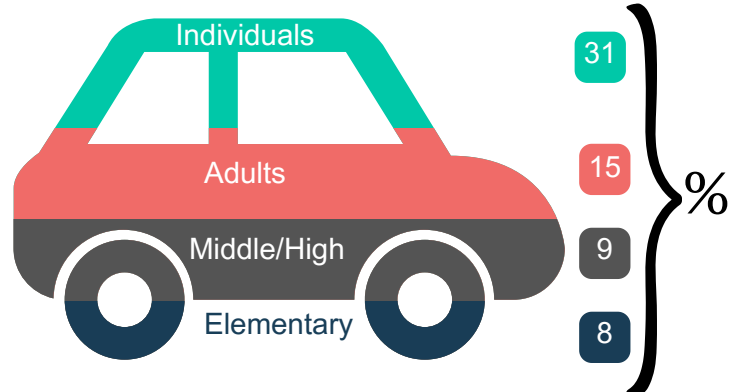
### SHORTAGE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS IN AREA

- 1 in 3 children had trouble 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.



### SCHEDULING ISSUES

- 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.



**Adults:** Adults for whom a caregiver was the respondent  
**Individuals:** Individuals with autism who responded for themselves

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 • [paautism.org/needsassessment](http://paautism.org/needsassessment)  
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