

2023 HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS SURVEY

Online Survey



April 2023
35 respondents



**1 IN 5 PEOPLE WHO ARE
REGIONAL CENTER CLIENTS
HAVE SEVERE BEHAVIOR**



**97% reported their loved one
was a danger to themselves
or others in the last 3
months; 29% have had to call
911.**

TOP NEEDS UNDER 21 YRS

Functional Communication	80%
Parent training	56%
Medical professionals	40%

**"[WE] FEEL
INVISIBLE EVEN
WITHIN THE AUTISM
COMMUNITY."**

"I wish there was more training so parents can learn defense moves to protect themselves and their child during violent meltdowns. My child is expected to be 6'4" fully grown, I will not always be able to be a punching bag for him."

TOP NEEDS OVER 22 YRS

Medical professionals	50%
Mental health professionals	50%
Temporary home to work on behaviors	50%

COMPLEX SOLUTIONS TO HELP HIGH & COMPLEX SUPPORT NEED COMMUNITY

1. Create a safe space for overwhelmed families.
2. Increase awareness of the Enhanced Case Management services IRC offers.
3. Identify and map vendors who serve this population to identify gaps in services. Day Services and Respite services are needed now.
4. Create a resource list for families of all ages on different services serving this population.
5. Identify ways CAL AIM and other programs can be used to assist these families locally.
6. Collaborate in the community to advocate to build the capacity of doctors who serve this population for medical, mental health, dentistry, ABA providers who will treat severe behavior, and speech pathologists who can help with functional communication.
7. Issue an RFP for START mobile crisis teams - at least one in Riverside County and another for San Bernardino County.