



Drexel University Recruiting Volunteers for a Research Study

The Transition Odyssey of Youth with Autism on the Road to Adulthood: Parent Interview

Research Objectives

Transition planning is important for improving access to services and outcomes for youth on the autism spectrum, but approximately half of families of youth with autism do not receive transition planning during high school. We don't know much about the experiences that parents have with transition planning and transition services, especially for parents of low-income and minority youth. And there are no published instruments that assess the journey that young adults on the autism spectrum and their families take during the transition years.

We are pilot testing an interview protocol that we developed to obtain information from parents/guardians of transition-age young adults on the autism spectrum. To test our protocol, we need to talk to parents of young adults with autism about their experiences during the transition years. This study involves completing background information forms and talking to the research team by phone or through videoconference. We will ask about topics like the transition out of high school, services the youth received, and barriers to transition planning.

Information for Research Subjects Eligibility

You can participate in this study if you are the parent or legal guardian of a young adult with autism spectrum disorder. Parents/guardians must use English as their primary language. You must have a young adult who: 1) has ever had a diagnosis of Autism, Asperger's Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, or other Autism Spectrum Disorder or special education classification of autism, 2) has been out of high school for between 2 and 6 years at the time of the interview, 3) received special education services at some point during high school, and 4) needed help with transition in one or more domain (employment, health care, mental health care, postsecondary education), according to parent report.

If you meet the criteria, please contact us using the information provided below.

Compensation

Participants who complete the study will receive a \$25 gift card of your choice (Target, Walmart, or Amazon) upon completion of background forms, and another \$25 card upon completion of an interview if selected.

Location of the research and person to contact for further information

This research is approved by the Institutional review board.

If you are interested in participating in this study by phone or videoconference, please contact:

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