

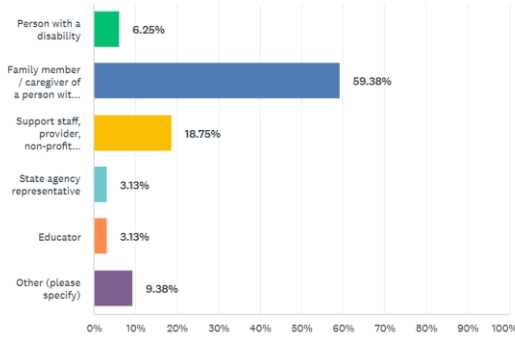
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(data collected through 6/20 – 32 respondents)

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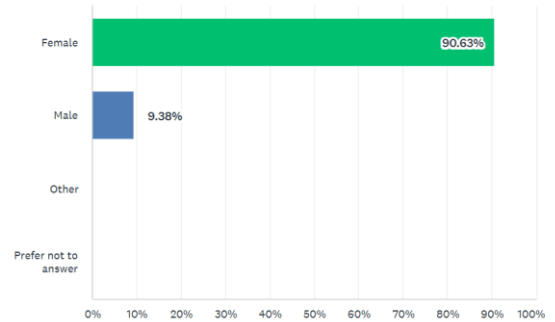
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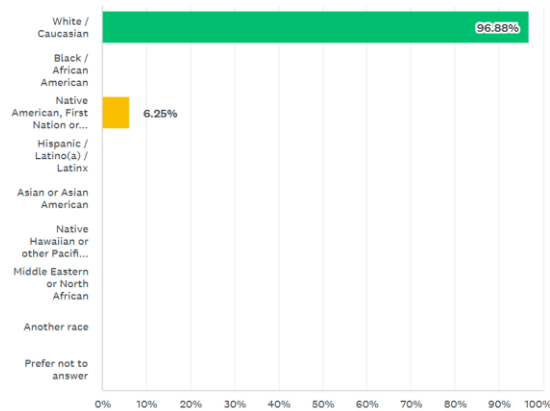
Please identify your gender.

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Which best describes your race and/or ethnicity? Please check all that apply.

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32 Respondents are from:

Sioux Falls area: 16

Rapid City area: 5

Pierre / Ft. Pierre area: 2

Aberdeen Wagner Parkston

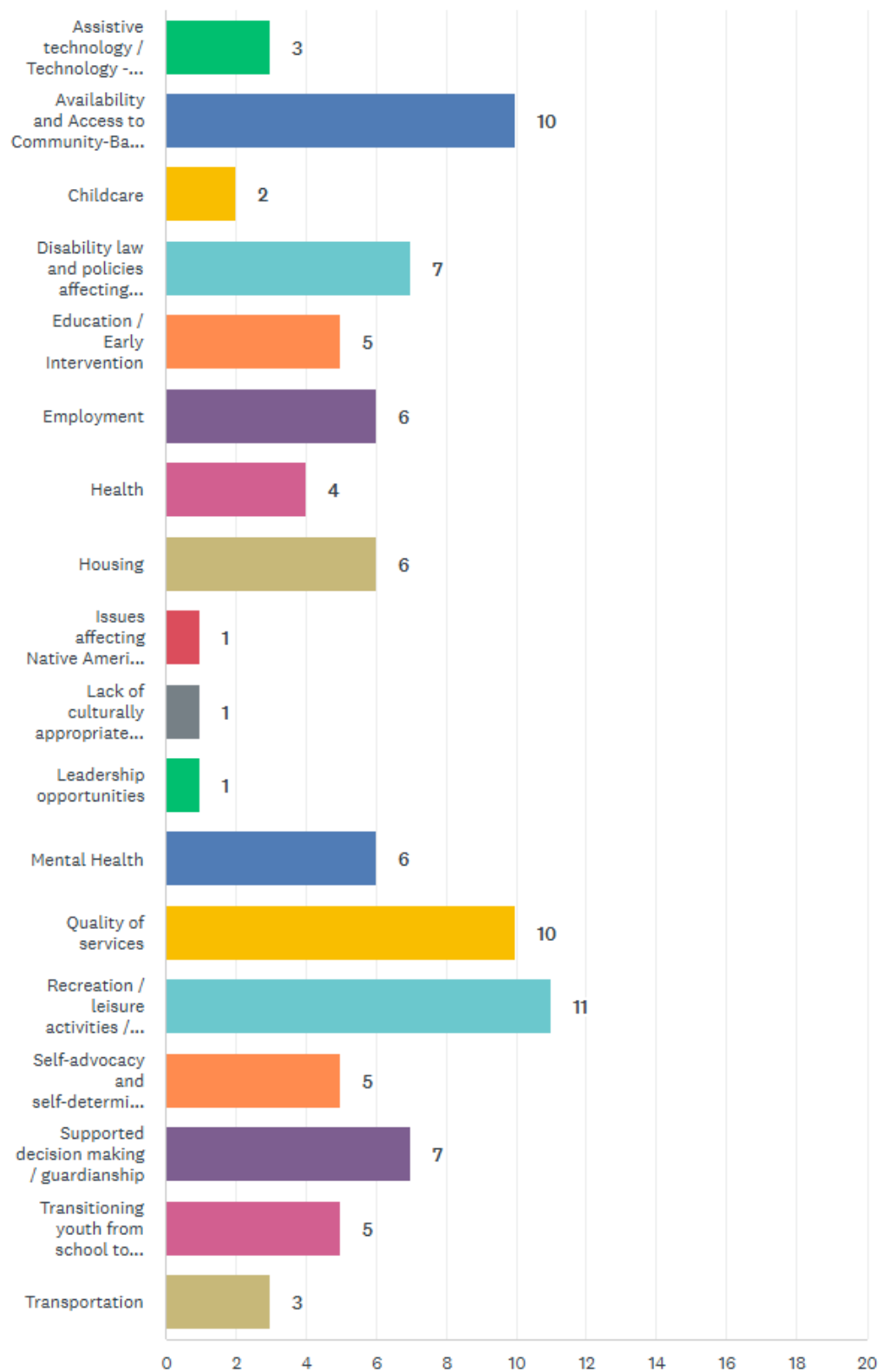
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Please choose 5 of the focus areas that are most important to you.

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Q6 For the areas you chose above, please comment on why you chose that area and/or the barriers or successes you have experienced in that area. Please use specific examples.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's difficult to find other in the same stage of life and help my son with ASD make meaningful relationships. He is lonely and longs for connection. It also has been very difficult for him to find employment. He is willing to work, but many businesses won't even give him a change. We are working with Voc Rehab but they are running into the same issues.	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	South Dakota needs more open slots on Family Support. Many are moving into the area to not have the necessary support in a timely manner.	6/19/2025 2:43 PM
3	We need laws to guarantee rights, AT to communicate to find sources of support, transportation to get to services and support to be able to determine the most appropriate guardian/non guardianship programs to make sure that rights are maintained will maintaining safety for the individual.	6/17/2025 2:18 PM
4	Access to companions and affordable housing as well as social opportunities for adults with autism are regular phone calls that I receive.	6/17/2025 12:46 PM
5	Would love to have more opportunities to be out in the community- would like to see partnering with the city and local businesses/ organizations to make accessible/welcoming times for those with disabilities especially as individuals get older. There isn't a lot of information about guardianship, housing out there.	6/17/2025 10:25 AM
6	I feel like they are the most important services and are often under served to the community	6/17/2025 10:05 AM
7	Staffing shortages. Lack of quality medical carecare for oncooperative disabled people.	6/17/2025 7:32 AM
8	Early education- my children were not provided adequate educational support. I have one child who has a diploma he didn't earn. One child who should have been able to graduate who isn't even able to pass a GED test. Had he received early intervention and adequate support his entire life would be different. The tole this has taken on his mental health is beyond devastating.	6/16/2025 11:32 PM
9	I have employed through black Hills works I currently work at Ellsworth Air Force base and I enjoy my job but my home life is very difficult as I have been subjected to many problems with my neighbors and I tried to move out but I have been having trouble finding a new place. and it's made my PTSD worse.	6/16/2025 10:56 PM
10	These are the areas that affect my family the most.	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
11	Hearing from family members of the difficulty of accessing/applying for services; hearing from family members and individuals with disabilities lack of activities	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
12	They all tie together....we need a "one stop" healthcare center for autistic individuals. From diagnosis to treatment options/services. Right now things are very fragmented and parents are struggling to find the necessary help for their loved ones with ASD. It would be wonderful to included alternative medicine/therapies. Having access to a local Functional Medicine Physician is an example of something that is lacking in SD. Also, It would phenomenal if the social services staff of the major hospital systems were informed and educated on services available to ALL individuals with special needs.....SO much misinformation is shared by them it is sad.	6/16/2025 9:55 AM
13	Community services and qualified service providers go together. Especially in smaller communities. Agencies are not available to serve all the folks that need services. Recreational activities are limited due to lack of qualified folks to coordinate and supervise the activities.	6/15/2025 2:51 PM

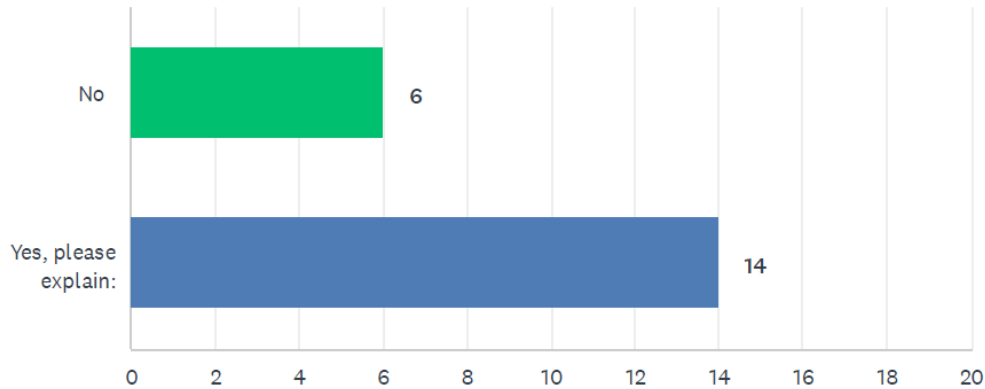
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law, they put too high a priority on CSP's wants. --There aren't enough CSP providers to serve all the people who need services and most CSPs don't want to work with anyone who has challenging behaviors so those people/their families get left without services with disastrous results (long-term admittance to nursing homes, mental health hospitals or jails--none of which know how to handle their diagnoses appropriately--and/or they end up stuck going to SDDC or HSC--or their families are stuck caring for them in situations that may be dangerous for the Participant and/or the family member as well as the Community at Large. --There also aren't enough Transportation options for people--especially anyone living outside a larger city...

15	Education about services offered and quality of services provided to/for people with disabilities is lacking. From CSPs to healthcare, the facilities are financially driven. CSPs, while providing necessary services are able to lobby the state and make things better for them but rarely is it better for the people they service. Services are sometimes hard to provide and CSPs seem to want to take the easy way more and more.	6/11/2025 9:20 AM
16	Quality of service, not enough resources	6/10/2025 7:04 PM
17	I feel that proposed funding cuts and policy changes will negatively affect my loved ones with developmental disabilities.	6/10/2025 3:48 PM
18	DEI is becoming a taboo subject. It is becoming harder to advocate for inclusion	6/10/2025 2:22 PM
19	SPED education and quality of services has declined significantly in our area and I know it's difficult to retain employees around the disability world. Everyone needs more support and better leadership.	6/10/2025 2:06 PM
20	My 4 year olds are both autistic and have been on the waitlist for FamilySupport360 since last November, with no idea when they'll be taken off. It is prohibiting our ability to get therapy for them (ABA) that may help with behaviors that put them and others in danger. This therapy is \$9,000 out of pocket for us, AFTED insurance. It is not feasible financially and we do not qualify for any other services or programs. Being waitlisted indefinitely makes it impossible for us to line up therapy, as assessments and treatment plan development takes weeks to months and is designed to start immediately.	6/10/2025 1:31 PM

Q7 Is there a service available in your community that you or your family member(s) need, but it is not accessible due to cost, eligibility, or other reason?

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#	YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	Even though my son has ASD, Level 1, we don't (just barely) qualify for Family Support 360. That would be a huge benefit and support for my son and our family so I may see to reapply.	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	Adequate companion care.	6/17/2025 12:46 PM
3	OT through MoveU.	6/17/2025 10:25 AM
4	The systems make it impossible to get the help within the time frames that will have the most benefit to your child. The amount of paperwork and appointments, the effect all these appointments have on your ability to work or maintain a good work history.	6/16/2025 11:32 PM
5	individual day services in community groups.	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
6	IL services, however, turnover in staffing is very high; lack of consistency for family members/individuals with disabilities	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
7	Functional medicine physician and other alternative therapies.	6/16/2025 9:55 AM
8	Our services are doing well now. We waited 3 years for an opening with the provider. Makes me wonder how many other folks are waiting to enjoy the activities they are missing.	6/15/2025 2:51 PM
9	Transportation--even in the larger cities where transportation options are available they can be very expensive (especially any publicly available transportation). Options like Dial-a-Ride or some transportation through CSPs offer low-cost ride options but even these can be out of reach for many Participants who rely solely on SSI so they are on a shoestring budget.	6/12/2025 4:01 PM
10	Specialty doctors in Western SD are hard to get appointments for. Trainings offered by the DDD generally have 2-3 dates in Eastern SD and one in Rapid City. It would be nice to have DDD/state trainings in the northern hills too.	6/11/2025 9:20 AM

11	Not enough resources in the schools	6/10/2025 7:04 PM
12	In home nursing cares.	6/10/2025 2:22 PM
13	Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy have declined in the school setting and insurance is difficult to utilize and after school hours is less valuable. I wish there was better support in context of school.	6/10/2025 2:06 PM
14	See above - ABA therapy would make my children's lives safer and enable us to spend more time in the community. However, it is \$9,000 out of pocket after insurance. We do not qualify for any other programs that could help pay for it besides FS360.	6/10/2025 1:31 PM

Q8 Are there important needs facing people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that don't get enough attention?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Friendship opportunities, greater willingness' of local employers to give our children a chance and work for them. Better training for educators and employers on how to communicate and work with those who have ASD. Improved training for private schools.	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	Where do I start? It depends upon the various needs of the individual but it first starts with peoples ability to know what services are available. For years, I have struggled to let people know if the various services that even just DD Council has available, let alone the myriad of other available services. Letting people know where and how to access services continues to be a great challenge.	6/17/2025 2:18 PM
3	Mental health and health care disparities.	6/17/2025 12:46 PM
4	Yes, the need for more social interaction in a supported environment.	6/17/2025 10:25 AM
5	Community with other asd members/adult services	6/17/2025 10:05 AM
6	Medical care	6/17/2025 7:32 AM
7	Classrooms size and supports from the school district that provide the needs and learning abilities of the child. Looking at the least restrictive environment from the needs of the child with the disabilities.	6/16/2025 11:32 PM
8	More affordable housing	6/16/2025 10:56 PM
9	Yes many	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
10	Exposing individuals with disabilities to social environments at earlier ages, i.e., skill building during middle school years	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
11	Yes. Coordination and education with local law enforcement on dealing with individuals with special needs. It would be wonderful if all SD communities/counties would adopt the "Be Safe Program/Return Me Safe" program.	6/16/2025 9:55 AM
12	I see the biggest problem is getting folks who are qualified and willing to serve.	6/15/2025 2:51 PM
13	Any Participants and their families who struggle with difficult/aggressive behaviors--most CSPs don't want to work with them and jails/mental health hospitals/nursing homes have no idea how to handle them--though this is often where they end up--sometimes long-term. Or their families end up forced to care for them even if they aren't reasonably able to--this leaves the families feeling ignored/abandoned by the very people who are supposed to be helping them--social services/the State. It also leaves the Participant vulnerable to unfortunate situations of Abuse/Exploitation/Neglect.	6/12/2025 4:01 PM
14	Yes.	6/11/2025 9:20 AM
15	Largest minority with the least representation	6/10/2025 7:04 PM
16	As children with disabilities grow, therapies and support declines even though there aren't any changes in data.	6/10/2025 2:06 PM
17	Social programming for disabled children is so important and is often overlooked! Thankfully we have a local nonprofit organization that makes this possible, but if not for them, it would be very challenging for us.	6/10/2025 1:31 PM

Q9 What ideas do you have for the Council that could help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See above.	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	Advertising availability	6/17/2025 2:18 PM
3	Ease of companion care supports as well as generalized training.	6/17/2025 12:46 PM
4	Partnering with local universities to offer a pool of respite/companion providers as this can be very difficult for people to find.	6/17/2025 10:25 AM
5	Create space for community for adults and youth	6/17/2025 10:05 AM
6	Day services be optional	6/17/2025 7:32 AM
7	Standardize paperwork across platforms to remove the burden for parents. Have an advocates assigned to each parent to support them and teach them the ins and outs. Shorten the waiting time for family support 360- it took almost 2 years and that is a lot of precious time lost. The public school system needs to see that forcing these children into a classroom that doesn't provide and meet their needs is destroying any chance our children have to live their best lives.	6/16/2025 11:32 PM
8	Housing, employment and the service dog laws need to be updated in the state so people who need to start training their own service animals can go around currently there is a law stating that Service dogs in training aren't allowed to go in stores to get them used to being in public.	6/16/2025 10:56 PM
9	Combination of mental health /intellectual training	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
10	Promote the 18-21 programs in more school districts; promote the initiation of these types of programs in schools with youth at younger ages	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
11	Streamline the process to apply for Family 360 (and other similar programs) easier and quicker. It should not take months/years to get qualified.	6/16/2025 9:55 AM
12	I would like to see a degree that folks can earn to be qualified to fill positions needed.	6/15/2025 2:51 PM
13	Talk to teachers/case managers/families/Participants--we live these issues all day, every day. We can tell you what's wrong/what's needed--and then actually listen to us and take our suggestions to heart when making policy.	6/12/2025 4:01 PM
14	Outreach to K12 kids aging out of schools need guidance earlier to help them make decisions.	6/11/2025 9:20 AM
15	More resources for families and professionals	6/10/2025 7:04 PM
16	-	6/10/2025 2:06 PM
17	Prioritize getting support to the families that need it - take action to reduce/eliminate the time on the FS360 waitlist.	6/10/2025 1:31 PM

Q10 Are there specific self-advocacy activities you would like the Council to focus on during this next State Plan? Please share your ideas below.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Friendship groups that are carefully monitored and well-advertised.	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	SD medical practitioners having persons with disabilities at the planning table.	6/17/2025 12:46 PM
3	Yes. I would like to see more asd leadership	6/17/2025 10:05 AM
4	The annual partners in policy making conference	6/16/2025 10:56 PM
5	Yes in each area of the state so you can get more participation	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
6	Social skills development	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
7	Housing	6/15/2025 2:51 PM
8	Talk with Participants/their families and caregivers!	6/12/2025 4:01 PM
9	More self- advocate who are CtLC ambassadors.	6/11/2025 9:20 AM
10	IEP professional development	6/10/2025 7:04 PM
11	-	6/10/2025 2:06 PM

Q11 What other information, if any, do you want us to know as we create this plan?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 25

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Is there a way to offer free education/training about ASD to private schools, like Sioux Falls Christian? They seem to lack awareness training, resources to help and understand those with ASD. My child is NOT the only one. There are several children with ASD who attend SFC, and they are not well-equipped to set them up for success (in my experience).	6/20/2025 10:01 AM
2	The school system is failing these children. I have a son would can barely write his name, who has CP and the IEP team decided to stop his physical therapy in the 3rd grade.	6/16/2025 11:32 PM
3	please know that many people who have disabilities face many challenges in life and without your guidance I myself wouldn't know about the laws some are so outdated that they need to be updated.	6/16/2025 10:56 PM
4	Traveling is hard for many.	6/16/2025 6:07 PM
5	none	6/16/2025 1:29 PM
6	We focus so hard on giving Participants their Rights but don't stress with them the Responsibilities that go along with those Rights. Also due to the State's fears of "Rights Restrictions" it's hard to protect people who regularly/willfully make terrible choices and open themselves up to Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation and/or put the Greater Community at risk due to their poor choices/actions. Then they end up in trouble with Law Enforcement, homeless, etc. and the State's only response is, "well, they have their Rights!" Many of the Participants we work with have the cognitive age of a 12-year old (and often younger)--based on the ICAP--yet we expect them to successfully navigate complicated adult situations/decisions.	6/12/2025 4:01 PM
7	Better prepared SPED teacher training	6/10/2025 7:04 PM