

Question 1. In what parish does your family live?

Sorted Alphabetically

Parish	Count	Percent
No Answer	11	1.7%
Acadia	17	2.6%
Allen	1	0.2%
Ascension	16	2.4%
Assumption	2	0.3%
Avoyelles	13	2.0%
Beauregard	3	0.5%
Bienville	1	0.2%
Bossier	14	2.1%
Caddo	39	5.9%
Calcasieu	27	4.1%
Cameron	1	0.2%
Catahoula	2	0.3%
Concordia	2	0.3%
East Baton Rouge	59	8.9%
East Feliciana	2	0.3%
Evangeline	4	0.6%
Franklin	4	0.6%
Grant	5	0.8%
Iberia	8	1.2%
Iberville	6	0.9%
Jackson	5	0.8%
Jefferson	67	10.2%
Jefferson Davis	5	0.8%
Lafayette	27	4.1%
Lafourche	20	3.0%
La Salle	3	0.5%
Lincoln	3	0.5%
Livingston	17	2.6%
Madison	2	0.3%
Morehouse	4	0.6%
Natchitoches	6	0.9%
Orleans	52	7.9%
Ouachita	35	5.3%
Plaquemines	4	0.6%
Pointe Coupee	3	0.5%
Rapides	19	2.9%
Richland	4	0.6%
Sabine	1	0.2%
Saint Bernard	5	0.8%
Saint Charles	5	0.8%
Saint Helena	3	0.5%

Saint James	1	0.2%
Saint John the Baptist	1	0.2%
Saint Landry	13	2.0%
Saint Martin	8	1.2%
Saint Mary	10	1.5%
Saint Tammany	26	3.9%
Tangipahoa	18	2.7%
Tensas	1	0.2%
Terrebonne	18	2.7%
Union	6	0.9%
Vermilion	11	1.7%
Vernon	3	0.5%
Washington	6	0.9%
Webster	3	0.5%
West Baton Rouge	5	0.8%
West Carroll	3	0.5%

Sorted by Frequency

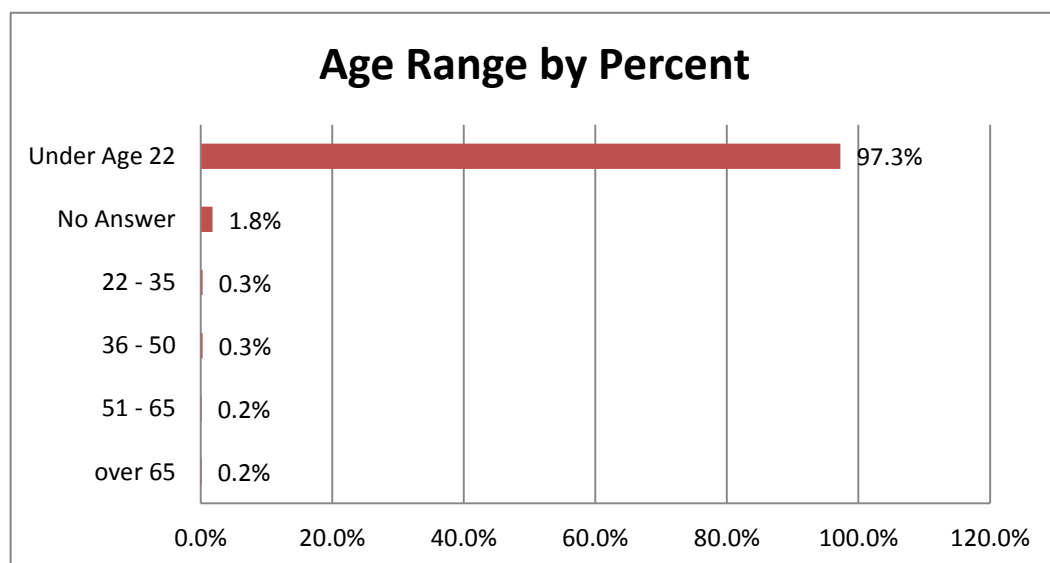
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Question 2. How old is the person with a disability who receives services?

Age Range	Count	Percent
Under Age 22	642	97.3%
22 - 35	2	0.3%
36 - 50	2	0.3%
51 - 65	1	0.2%
over 65	1	0.2%
No Answer	12	1.8%

Breakdown of Under Age 22		
Age Range	Frequency	Percent
Age 5 and under	11	1%
6 to 10	189	12%
11 to 15	321	20%
16 to 21	121	8%

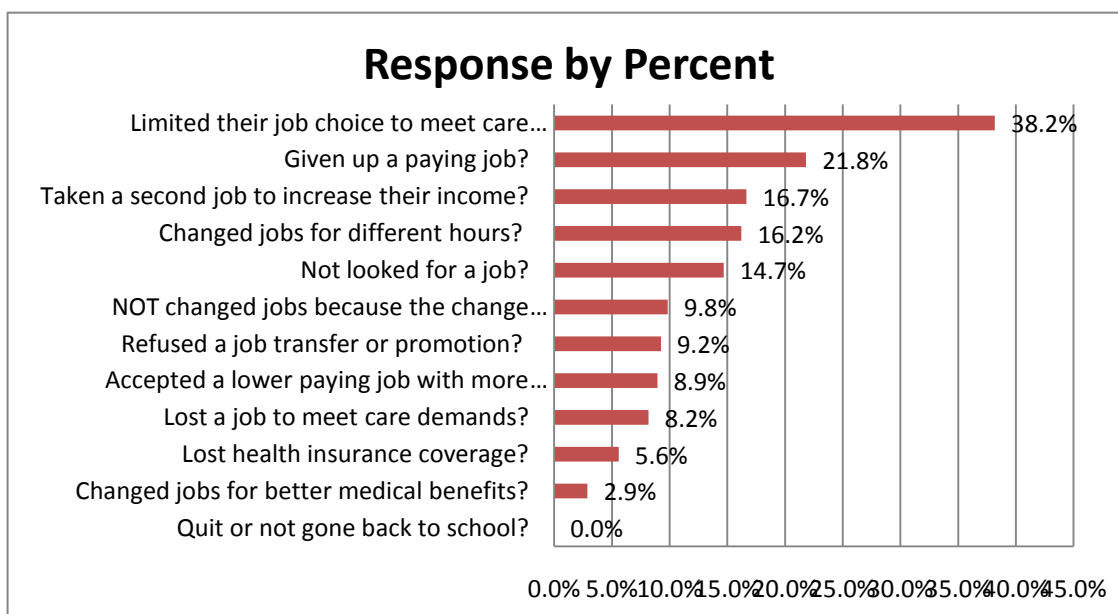


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Question 3. To meet the needs of the person with a disability, has anyone in your household: **(Mark all that apply.)**

Statement	Frequency	Percent
Given up a paying job?	144	21.8%
Not looked for a job?	97	14.7%
Lost health insurance coverage?	37	5.6%
Changed jobs for different hours?	107	16.2%
Lost a job to meet care demands?	54	8.2%
Refused a job transfer or promotion?	61	9.2%
Limited their job choice to meet care demands	252	38.2%
Changed jobs for better medical benefits?	19	2.9%
Taken a second job to increase their income?	110	16.7%
Accepted a lower paying job with more flexibility, better benefits, or fewer demands?	59	8.9%
NOT changed jobs because the change would have meant losing health benefits?	65	9.8%
Quit or not gone back to school?	0	0.0%

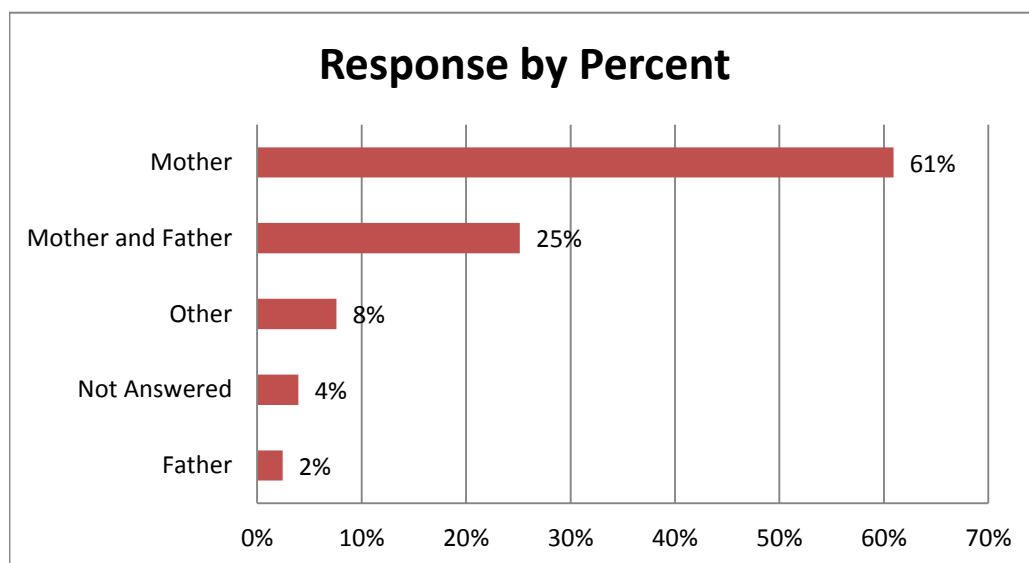
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Question 4. Who is primarily responsible for caring for the person with a disability? (Mark one)

Person(s)	Frequency	Percent
Not Answered	26	4%
Mother	402	61%
Father	16	2%
Mother and Father	166	25%
Other	50	8%

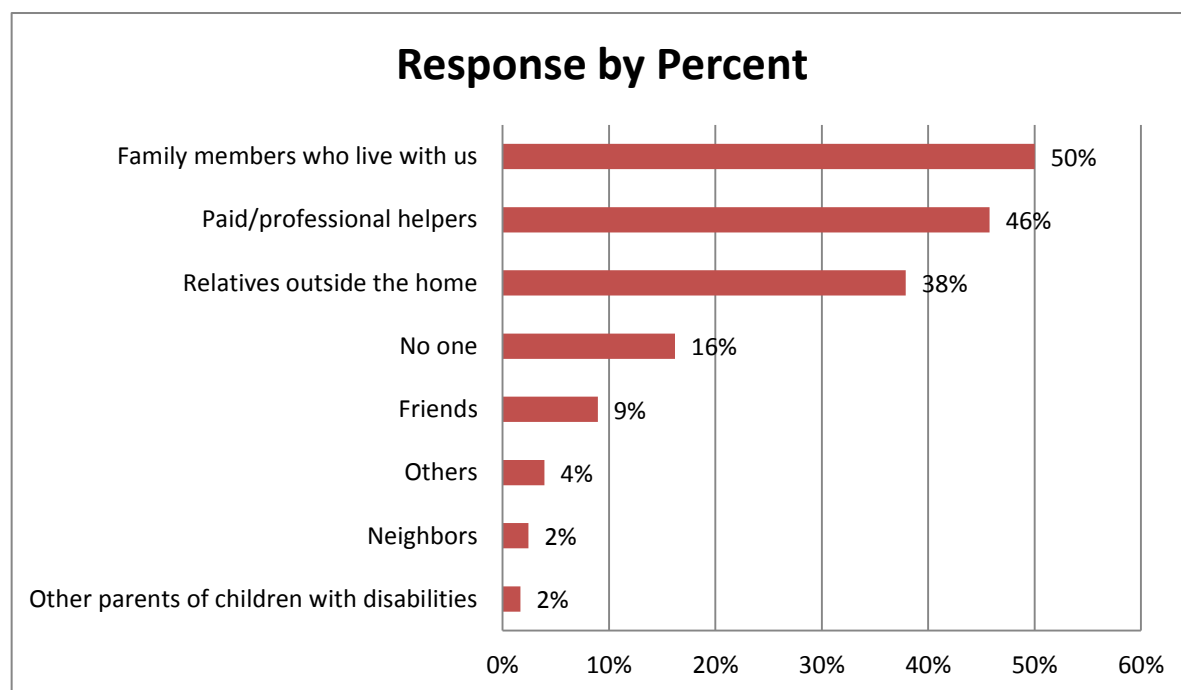
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Question 5. Day-to-day, who is counted on to help meet the challenges faced because of the disability? (Mark all that apply)

Person(s)	Frequency	Percent
Family members who live with us	330	50%
Relatives outside the home	250	38%
Friends	59	9%
Other parents of children with disabilities	11	2%
Paid/professional helpers	302	46%
Neighbors	16	2%
Others	26	4%
No one	107	16%

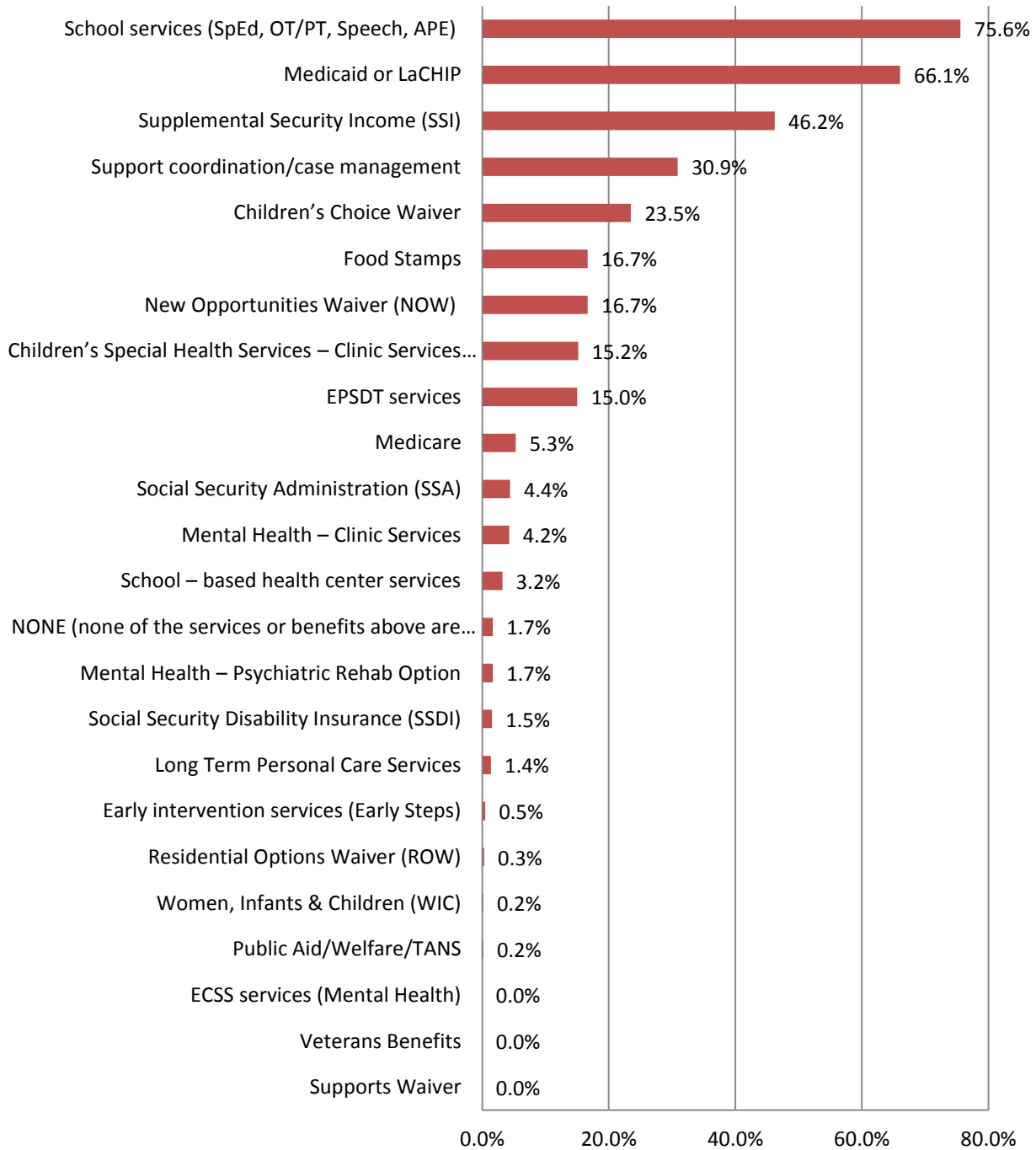
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Question 7. Please specify if the person with a disability is currently receiving any of the following services or benefits:
(Mark all that Apply)

Support/Service	Frequency	Percent
Support coordination/case management	204	30.9%
Early intervention services (Early Steps)	3	0.5%
Children's Choice Waiver	155	23.5%
New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)	110	16.7%
Residential Options Waiver (ROW)	2	0.3%
Supports Waiver	0	0.0%
Long Term Personal Care Services	9	1.4%
Medicare	35	5.3%
Medicaid or LaCHIP	436	66.1%
School services (SpEd, OT/PT, Speech, APE)	499	75.6%
School – based health center services	21	3.2%
Children's Special Health Services – Clinic Services (Screenings, specialized therapists)	100	15.2%
Mental Health – Psychiatric Rehab Option	11	1.7%
Mental Health – Clinic Services	28	4.2%
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	305	46.2%
Social Security Administration (SSA)	29	4.4%
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	10	1.5%
Veterans Benefits	0	0.0%
Food Stamps	110	16.7%
Public Aid/Welfare/TANS	1	0.2%
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	1	0.2%
EPSDT services	99	15.0%
ECSS services (Mental Health)	0	0.0%
NONE (none of the services or benefits above are received)	11	1.7%

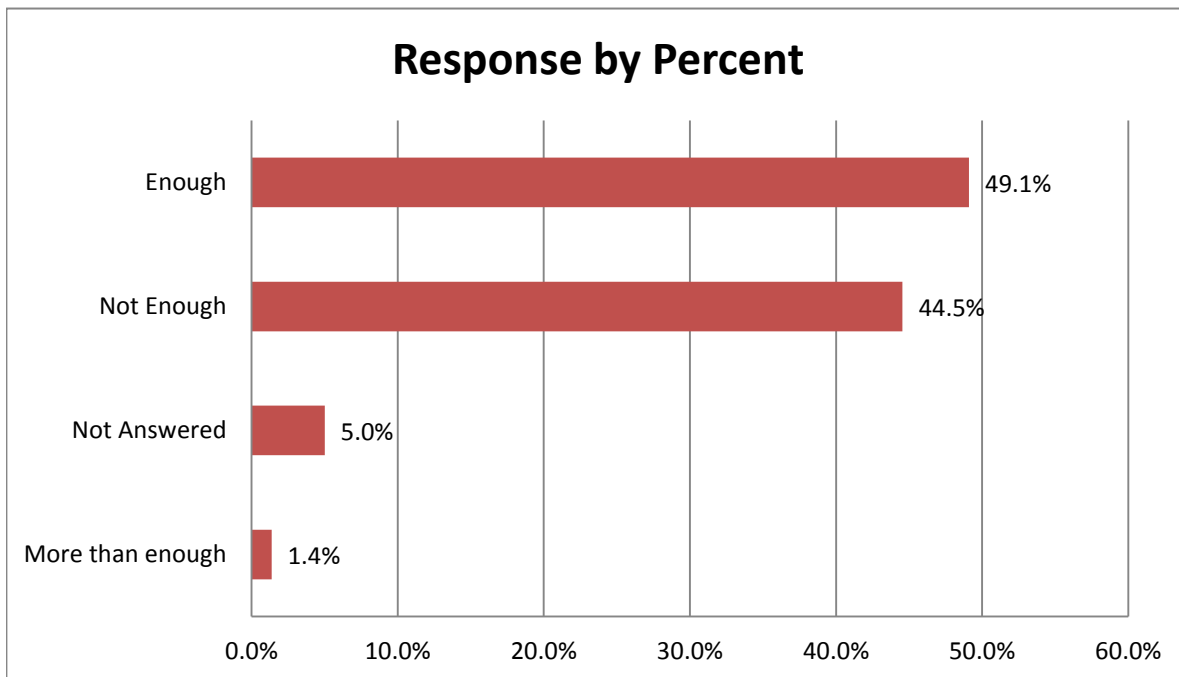
Response by Percent



Question 8. Overall, how adequate is the amount of support you receive in helping you to meet the challenges you and your family face because of the disability? (Mark one.)

Selection	Frequency	Percent
Not Enough	294	44.5%
Enough	324	49.1%
More than enough	9	1.4%
Not Answered	33	5.0%

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9a. Please indicate below how you have spent the funds:
(Mark all that apply.)

How Spent	Frequency	Percent
Respite care/sitter services	132	20.0%
Individual or family counseling	17	2.6%
Recreational opportunities for child	292	44.2%
Recreation for our entire family	69	10.5%
Educational toys or school supplies	375	56.8%
Special foods/nutritional supplements	246	37.3%
Homemaker services (house cleaning, cooking)	34	5.2%
Medical expenses and health related items	243	36.8%
Transportation services (taxi, bus fare)	90	13.6%
General household expenses (food, clothes, utilities, rent)	451	68.3%
Home nursing care	1	0.2%
Therapy (physical, occupational, ABA)	85	12.9%
Health Insurance	30	4.5%
Camp for child	47	7.1%
Home modifications	53	8.0%
Parent training or education	18	2.7%
Adaptive equipment or supplies	87	13.2%
Diapers or attends	146	22.1%
Vehicle modifications	30	4.5%
Assistive technology (Communication device, etc.)	50	7.6%

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Response by Percent (n=660)



Question 9b. Are there other items/services you purchased that are not listed? (Please list them below.)

Item or Service
anything he wants with his check
art supplies
autism learning center
baby food
baby food
baby wipes
baby wipes
baby wipes
bed pads,baby wipes,front pads
Bedroom suite
Bibs, hair products,
Boy Scout fee/uniform
braces
car seat
cell phone bill
cell phone, mp3 player
chelation
Chew sticks and dental guard
Chuck E Cheese
Cleaning supplies
cleaning supplies
clothes
clothes
clothes,school uniforms
clothing
Clothing
clothing
Clothing
clothing
Computer
computer
computer
Computer repair
computers
computers duo
copayments for hospital test and lab tests
creams, lotions
Delsym
dental services,grooming/hygiene
diapers
dog and a pony for therapy

driver's ed
essentials
Extra vehicle costs for portable lift track for ramp van, insurance and upkeep
eye gel
field trips
field trips
Flat sheets
fleet
gas
gas
gas
gas
Gas for doctor appointments
gas for doctor appointments
gas for transportation
Gas for transportation to school/work
gas money to get her back forward to do
Gasoline - Handicapped Vehicle
Glasses
glasses
glider swing-he goes through one every month
Gloves
Hair cut
haircut
haircuts
haircuts
Helps with private school costs
hobby supplies
Home tutoring
household supplies
hyberic chamber
Hygenic supplies
I buy the things that he needs
I.D. Bracelet
Insurance - Handicapped vehicle
Insurance co-pay
irrigation water catheterization
Juices
Ky gel,gas for doc. Appt.
Laptop
laptop
latex gloves
Laxatives, special foods (high protien content)
life insurance
Life insurance
lotion, powder, deodorant
male guards, pads

manipulatives (i.e. clay, robots)
mattress cover
medical supplies
medical transport
medication
medication
medication
medication
medicine
medicine
medicine
medicine
Modifications to wheelchair not covered by Medicaid
Movies
Movies
OTC medicines
Over the counter meds (vitamins)
pads
Pads for chairs
Pads for diapers
Paying for handicap van
personal hygiene
personal hygiene items
personal hygiene items, lotions, clothing
personal hygiene products, personal expenses, hair maintenance, movies, eating out
Personal hygiene supplies
personal items
Personal items for Tabitha
personal needs
personal needs
phone
pictures
Private pay OT & SLT
Private school
Private special school
Private therapies
Products for constipation
psychiatrist
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rent
Replace wiring he chewed through
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Replacement wires for the ones he has chewed through
requesting for a stroller
sanitary wipes

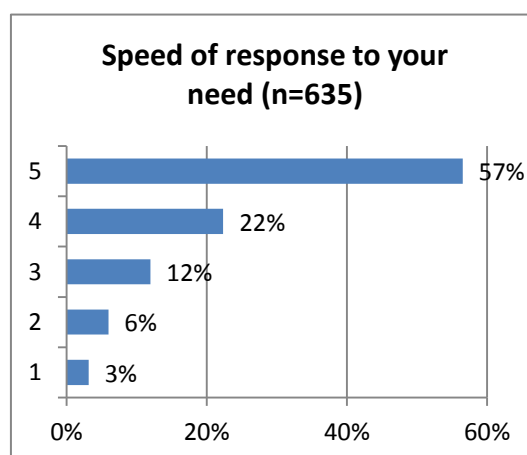
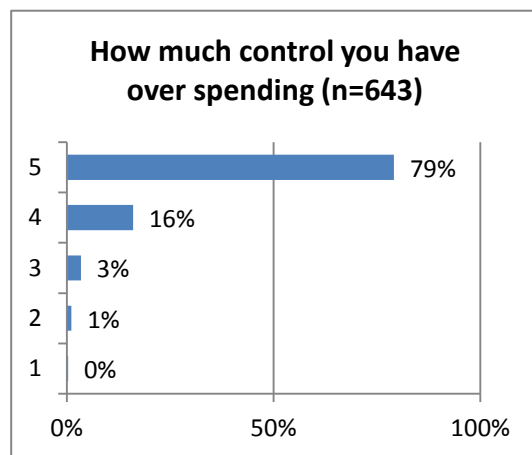
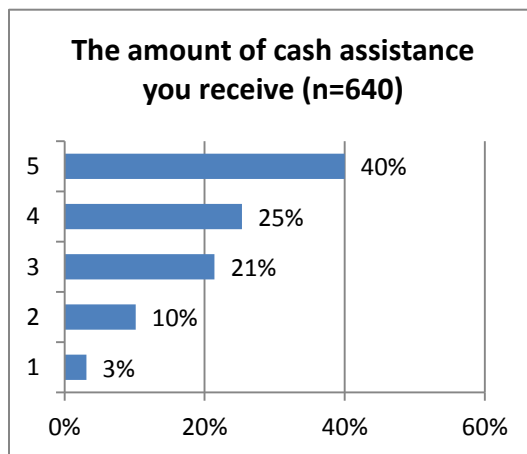
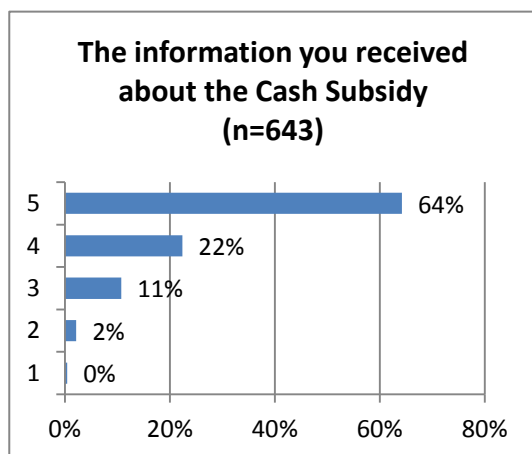
savings for vehicle modification
school field trips
School field trips
school lunch
school lunches
School services
school stuff
school supplies,school lunch money
school uniforms
Shirts and blouses
Shoes
shoes
Shoes
shoes
Shoes
small trips
soaps, lotions
Sodium benzoate
Some clothing
Sound reducers
sound reducers, chew stick, dengal guard
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Special clothes/need hemming
Special molds for shoes
Special socks and shoes
speech
speech therapy not covered by ins.
stimulating electronic equipment (i.e. lights)
swimming classes,special need craft classes
T.V
Toiletry - feminine
tracking device
transportation
transportation
Travel
travel expenses
Travel expenses to and from therapy
Travel expenses to from therapy & vehicle maintenance
Tutoring
tutoring
tutoring for school
TV
underpads
Vehicle maintenance
vehicle up keep, gas ,shoes
vehicle up keep,shoes for AFO's
Vitamins and medical supplies medicaid doesn't cover

vitamins, minerals
Web access
Wheelchair repairs
wii game
windshields
wipes
Wipes
wipes
wipes
wipes
Wipes and ointments
Wipes, linens
wipes,DVDs
wipes,ointments,pads,powder,gloves
Zoo

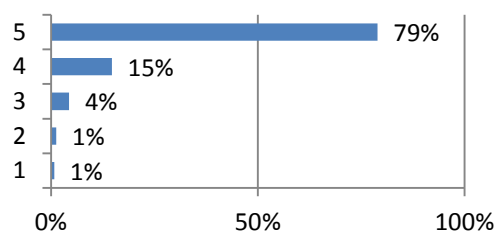
Question 9c. For each area listed below, circle the number that best describes your level of satisfaction with the service.

1 = Not at all satisfied, 5 = Very satisfied. (Circle only one response per area.)

How satisfied are you with...		Score					
Statement		1	2	3	4	5	Mean
The information you received about the Cash Subsidy. (n=643)	Frequency	3	14	69	144	413	4.4
	Percent	0%	2%	11%	22%	64%	
The amount of cash assistance you receive (n=640)	Frequency	20	65	137	162	256	3.8
	Percent	3%	10%	21%	25%	40%	
How much control you have over spending (n=643)	Frequency	2	7	22	103	509	4.6
	Percent	0%	1%	3%	16%	79%	
Speed of response to your need (n=635)	Frequency	20	38	76	142	359	4.1
	Percent	3%	6%	12%	22%	57%	
The way you have been treated by people involved with the cash subsidy program (n=646)	Frequency	5	8	28	95	510	4.6
	Percent	1%	1%	4%	15%	79%	



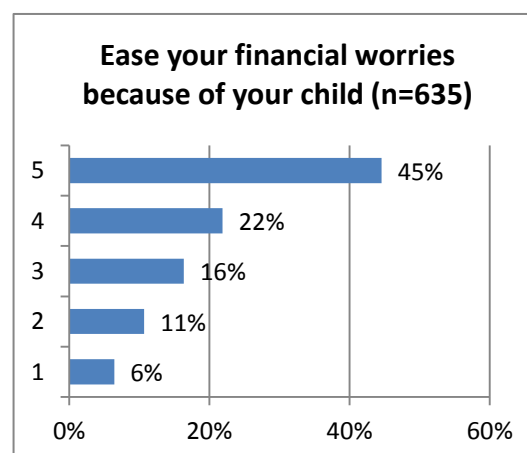
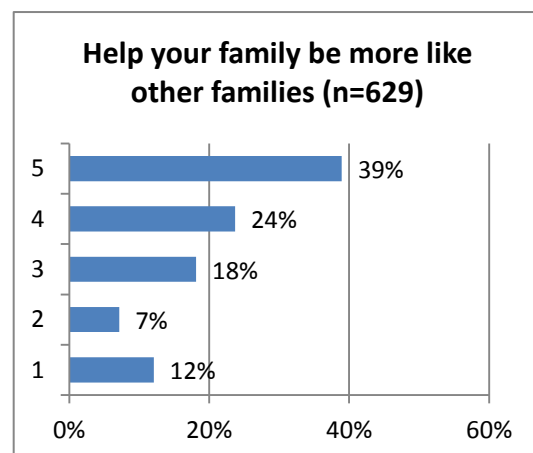
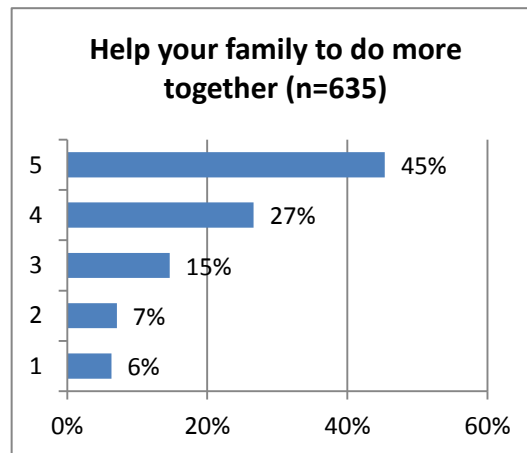
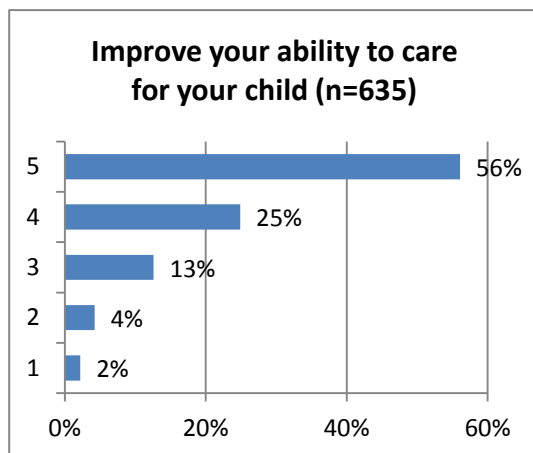
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(n=646)**

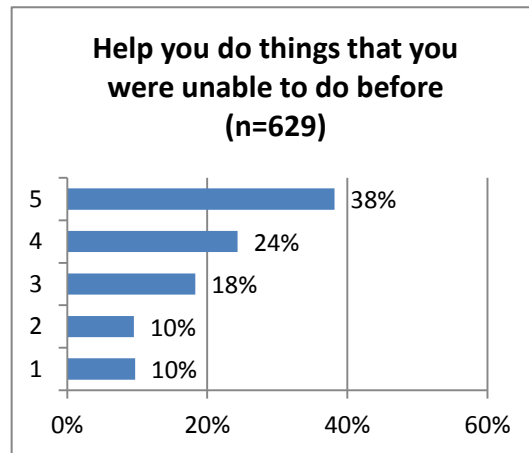
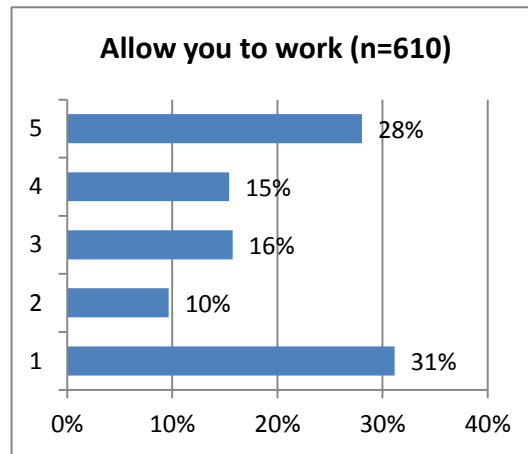
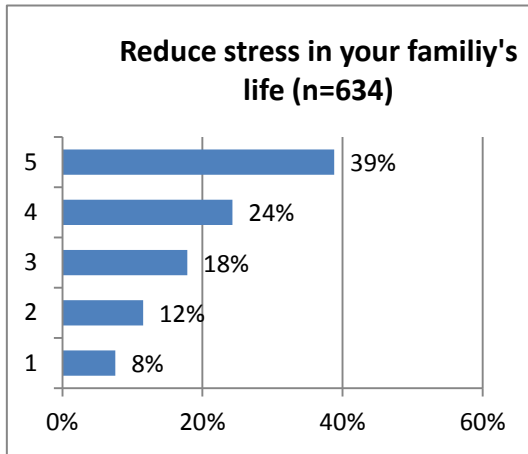


Question 9d. For each item below, circle the number that best describes the impact these programs have on your family.

1 = No impact at all, 5 = A lot of impact. (Circle only one response per area.)

How much does the Cash Subsidy...		Score					
Statement		1	2	3	4	5	Mean
Improve your ability to care for your child (n=635)	Frequency	14	27	80	158	356	4.12
	Percent	2%	4%	13%	25%	56%	
Help your family to do more together (n=635)	Frequency	40	45	93	169	288	3.83
	Percent	6%	7%	15%	27%	45%	
Help your family be more like other families (n=629)	Frequency	76	45	114	149	245	3.53
	Percent	12%	7%	18%	24%	39%	
Ease your financial worries because of your child (n=635)	Frequency	41	68	104	139	283	3.73
	Percent	6%	11%	16%	22%	45%	
Reduce stress in your family's life (n=634)	Frequency	48	73	113	154	246	3.61
	Percent	8%	12%	18%	24%	39%	
Allow you to work (n=610)	Frequency	190	59	96	94	171	2.78
	Percent	31%	10%	16%	15%	28%	
Help you do things that you were unable to do before (n=629)	Frequency	61	60	115	153	240	3.72
	Percent	10%	10%	18%	24%	38%	





Question 9e. What do you MOST appreciate or value about the Cash Subsidy program?

Statement
Ability to broaden my son's world
Ability to provide necessary items/treatment for our son
Ability to provide things for Brandon. He is going to open a bank account and learn financial responsibility.
Ability to purchase items for him
Ability to use funds as needed. Each month different needs arise and different treatments are available
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Ability to use it where we need it.
ability to use on child's needs
Able me to purchase some health supplies medicaid doesn't cover.
Able to buy the lactaid milk he has to drink. It is very expensive
Able to do more
Able to do more things for my child
Able to get him the services I wouldn't otherwise be able to afford
Able to participate in more activities
Able to provide a small amount to help w/some areas.
Able to purchase things he needs without stress
Additional money helps with ongoing needs of my child
Allow you to tak better care of the client and it needs that are essential.
Allowing us to have more family time, going out together.
Allows me to get the supplies needed and help to get extra things for him.
Allows me to have my child in private therapy that ins. Doesn't cover
Allows me to meet the needs of my child
Allows me to pay a night sitter, so that I can sleep
Allows me to pay bills, buy educational toys
Allows me to take my son on outings
Allows us the opportunity to pay for hel with caring for our son
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Allows us the opportunity to pay for help, with caring for our son.
Allows us to do what we see fit with the money
Allows us to provide things our child needs
Allows us to spend more time together family wise.
Allows us to spend time doing things we enjoy
Allows us to take family vacations once a year.
Although it doesn't take care of all his need I am so very thankful there is some help.
Any amount of help is appreciated
Any amount of money is appreciated
Anything helps but needed more help when he was younger. Waiting list took too long

Appreciate everything
Appreciate financial assistance
appreciate the money; it help a lot
apprciate the help
Arrives on time
At least we get something
At times expenses may arise and to know tha tmchild receives this funding is appreciated.
Because I stay home with child I am able to count on that money for clothing and pay for his medicine or educational things.
Because I work, my son only gets \$200-300 SSI; so it helps
Being able to allocate the subsidy towards the healhty and sometimes pricy foods Brady eats to assist our family when we buy groceries.
Being able to buy supplements and pay for therapies not covered by insurance
being able to buy things for your disabled family member
being able to meet the needs and some of the things our young lady enjoys doing
Being able to pay for speech therapy for my child
Being able to provide supplies for him whenever needed for home, school, or traveling to his appts.
Being able to receive help for my child
Being able to rely on the money in my bank every month
Better than nothing
Better than nothing at all
Bridges the gap in my family income
Buys items for our grandchild that Medicaid doesn't cover and we can't afford. So wonderful to have that check, it helps so much.
can gets things he need and not disturb the house budget
Cash helps with my son's special diet needs
Cash subsidy is very helpful to us, it help on utilities and a great help to me.
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Child can receive aquatic therapy, that I have a lift in my van to transport him, that he can go to hippotherapy
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comes in handy for son's needs
comes when I really need it (when I'm about to run out of something he needs)
Comforting to know that people are out there who are willing to help my child
Consistent and it helps out with our monthly budget.
Consistent every month
Continue therapy
convenience
Dependable
discretionary use of funds
Do not have to report how it is spent
Doing things for my child that I couldn't do.
Eases our stress
Every extra penny helps
every little bit helps

every little helps,especially with groceries
Every penny helps!
Everything
Everything
Everything
Everything
Everything. All of it.
Everything. Reduces the stress off everybody.
Everythinhg - reduce the stress off everybody
Extra cost occurred for child w/special needs ae easier meet
Extra funds to purchase pullups and wipes
Extra help lets my child do things he enjoys
Extra income
Extra income
Extra income - dealing with case manager
Extra income is something to count on during hard times
Extra money every month and friendliness of staff
Extra money helps transportation to many doctors appt and school projects
Extra money helps with little things we couldn't afford otherwise
Extra money to care for him
Extra spending money allows us to do recreational activities
Fairness
family appreciates the quality of program in helping our daily needs
Feel more at ease that at least some help is out there for my son, now and throughout his life.
Financial help
Financial help
Financially heps with extra expenses related to disability
Flexibility
Flexibility in its use; allows family to decide how to use it
flexibility in spending
Freedom to decide how best to apply funds for my childs needs
Freedom to spend on various things including household expenses
Freedom to use it without jumping through 50 hoops
freedom to use money where needed
gas for doctor,pay for special needs that it does not cover
Gives added funds to get all things medicaid and health insurance will not pay for
Gives me the extra if she wants something special
Gives my daughter what she needs
Gives us extra that we wouldn't have
great help-my child does not qualify for Ssi
Have extra cash to mostly cover vitamins, meds, food (special diet)
Have money to purchase items
having a little money for to pay for co-payments
Having assistance
Having extra cash on hand for unexpected expenses
Having extra income to cover the cost of diapers
Having money to do outside activities with my child

having the assistance
He can do the things he likes to do, like go out to eat with his caregiver
Help ends meet
Help in meeting family and household needs
help me to te care of my child
Help take care of my child's needs
help to buy extra things for my child
Help to have money to offset all of our son's expenses
Help w/added therapy expenses
Help with added therapy expenses.
Help with diapers and dr. visits
Help with his food and clothes
Help with needs I couldn't afford.
Helpful to pay for medication insurance and medicaid does not pay for
Helping to pay needed expenses so we can use other money to pay bills
Helps a lot
Helps a lot
Helps a lot financially
Helps a lot for my child
Helps a lot with bills
Helps alleviate some of the financial strain
Helps because I am a single mom and don't receive child support
helps but on the necessities that my child needs extras
helps buy his stuff2
Helps buy the extra clothes or food that's needed.
helps cover healthcare costs that are needed daly like caths,diapers,lube,wipes
Helps finances
helps financially
helps financially
Helps financially
Helps go with other money to pay rent, needs for Joshua, gas for his travel and other that he may need.
Helps having extra cash
Helps in paying someone to work with him after school to do homework and meet household goals (self-care, clean room).
Helps knowing we will be getting a check each month
Helps make ends meet a little better
helps make his life more normal
Helps me and my family with our needs and sometimes wants
Helps me be able to get things for her.
Helps me buy things my child needs and sitter services
helps me get extras that I can't afford with my income
Helps me get more stuf for my daughter (stuff she needs).
Helps me get the things my child needs
helps me have extra money for clothes,food and gas
helps me purchase things for my son
Helps me to care for my son

Helps me to give my child what she needs.
helps me to know there are people who care about children with disabilities, the program cares about the children
helps me to purchase his food.He will not eat school lunch and he has a limited intake
Helps me to purchase things I need for my child
Helps me with my son' s needs
helps me with some things not all
Helps meet monthly financial demands
Helps meet Stephen's need
Helps my child's needs
Helps my son a lot
Helps our family a lot. Thank you.
Helps our lives be normal, gives us freedom, and makes life less stressful
Helps out a lot caring for two kids with disabilities and being a single parent
Helps pay a sitter so we can work
Helps pay bills and expenses for child
Helps pay for additional needs that medicaid doesn't cover.
Helps pay for expensive supplements not covered by insurance
Helps pay for insurance
Helps pay for items that cover needs like personal stuff.
Helps pay for medical and theraputic needs
Helps pay for meds
Helps pay for private therapy
Helps pay for private therapy
Helps pay for speech therapy
Helps pay for therapy services
Helps purchase over the counter items that medicaid doesn't cover
Helps relieve some financial worries
Helps some towards my sons needs
Helps supply the things needed every month
helps support income for any additonal medical expenses that comes up-adpaitve equipment
Helps take care of his medical expenses.
helps take care of my child
Helps take some worry off about financial problems.
helps to buy games,computer learning,special foods
helps to buy pull-up,clothes,educational toys, and shoes for my child and wipes
helps to buy things my son needs
Helps to get things with my grandson
Helps to pay dr's fees. He is not on our insurance plan, we use cash subsidy to pay out of pocket fees
helps to pay for additional needs
Helps tremendously
Helps us a lot
Helps us be able to have a little extra for gas, school and other things
Helps us get by
Helps us to do things without worries
helps us to make it through the month

Helps us to purchase the daily need supplies - chair pads, diaper pads, meds, laxatives, special foods
Helps us with the bills such as elec or rent when I don't have money to pay
Helps when I fall short on money for my son's medical needs and expenses.
Helps when we need it the most
Helps with bills
Helps with bills and community outings
Helps with bills when I can't work
Helps with Dr's appts
helps with everyday expenses
Helps with extra needs in household
Helps with financial needs
Helps with food
Helps with food, underpads, wipes
helps with gas needed to get back and forth from the doctor
Helps with general household expenses
helps with her needs
Helps with his special diet drinks and food
Helps with medical expenses and pull ups
Helps with meds, diapers, food
helps with my son's needs
Helps with needs
helps with needs we have
Helps with nutritional supplies, travel expenses
Helps with out of pocket expenses for health insurance
Helps with pullups and gas
Helps with special food and milk she drinks
His brother's income doesn't affect his check
I am able to spend the funds on things that are important to my child
I am appreciative that it is available. I wish the wait wasn't so long and it could be extended to the age of 22.
I am blessed by it
I am most appreciative about the program b/c it is not based on income of the household
I am most appreciative about the program because it is not based on income of the household
I appreciate all the help
I appreciate everything about it.
I appreciate it
I appreciate it most because it allows me to do extra things for my child and provide her with educational needs.
I appreciate that I can count on the money during the middle of the month. It helps me buy special food for Cameron.
I appreciate the extra money to meet his needs.
I appreciate the fact that this money is beign given to me to help meet the needs of my child, not matter how much it is, I appreciate it.
I appreciate the program. It has helped in many ways.
I can pay for his monthly prescriptions and quarterly doctor bills
I can take care of some needs for my children

I can use it to pay for meds
I deeply appreciate the cash subsidy. It helps meet needs in economic hardship with other special food and needs
I don't have to go through vendors to buy things. I can buy used items on eBay
I don't have to worry about financing recreational activities
I enjoy seeing my child get to do things outside of the home.
I just appreciate it and do not take it for granted.
I know the cash is there every month and I can spend it on the boys with their needs
I know the cash is there every month and I can spend it on the boys with their needs
I like that it's not based on income.
I like the ease of which we qualify?
I value everything that God sends my way because it's a blessing to receive anything.
I value the fact that it gives me extra money for Michael's needs and I don't have to fill paper out every month.
I work part-time because I have to get my child off the bus. The extra money helps a lot.
If I need or have questions my worker is always there to help answer them
if there is anything else needed they are there for your child
I'm able to buy her baby food
I'm able to know that my child can get what she needs every month
I'm able to provide recreation opportunities for my child and it helps with groceries
I'm able to purchase items for my child that I would not be able to afford
Improve my ability to care for my child and ease my financial worries.
Increased income
it allow us to dedicate money specifically for sitters and tutors
It allows Colby to participate in activities and get toys/technology we would otherwise be unable to afford
It allows me to do something extra for Faith each month
It allows me to help provide for my son.
It allows me to reward him monthly and keep his web access on.
It allows me to spend money on things that are important to my child
It allows me to take the person on recreational trips, vacations and other services that they would not otherwise receive.
It allows us to be able to purchase his personal needs with greater ease. Also aids in our travel expenses to doctor appointments.
It allows us to use the money the way we feel fit to
It allows us to use the money the way we feel fit to
It allows us to use the money the way we feel fit to.
It comes in handy always when it's needed.
It does help ease the burden of paying for his therapy sessions. It doesn't nearly pay for it all but it helps.
it eases money concerns for things he needs or requires, he is allotted so much a month to learn financial responsibility
It gives me more money for food
it goes for my child's needs
It has been there when my child needed something
It has helped me with the extra costs of keeping my son safe and comfortable at home as well as provide a better quality of life.

It help me stay at home for my daughter
It help pay bills
it helps
it helps a little
it helps a little
it helps buy educational items and money for field trips
It helps buy extra things she needs
It helps buy extra things she needs
It helps family that has financial problems.
It helps for me to be able to work part time hours with a seasonal job for 4 months while he is in school. Helps to get learning entertaining games to keep him busy.
It helps get my daughter things she wants and needs.
It helps in the time of need,we are grateful for extra help
It helps me a lot because I'm diasable too and it is extra for her to go more places.
It helps me a lot.
It helps me pay for my child's medication and glasses so I can pay bills
It helps me stay at home for my daughter.
It helps me take care of a lot of very important business
It helps me to buy the extra things she needs.
it helps me to do more with him. It helps to improve his quality of life and that is important to us.
it helps me to get her the care she needs
It helps me to provide Tabitha with things she needs, places she wants to go, and most of all the help.
It helps me to provide things my child needs
It helps me to provide things my child needs.
It helps meet a lot meet the needs of my child
It helps out a lot when I have to take off work for dr.'s appointments or school meetings or when he is sick
It helps out in all areas.
It helps out w/expenses, especially w/increasing health expenses
It helps out w/expenses, especially w/increasing health expenses
It helps out with expenses especially with increasing health expenses.
It helps out with his depends, food and medications.
It helps out with last minute expenses.
It helps out with meds, dr visits, food he likes because there are certain things he can eat.
it helps pay for her sitter
It helps pay for meds, diapers and co-pays (\$30/4x a mo) for speech therapy
It helps pay for our daughter to get a better education and assist in the cost.
It helps pay for the handicap van so my daughter can go places
It helps provide a good life for my son
It helps provide a little cash to help with bills or day-to-day expenses.
It helps subside medical bills
It helps to buy more things for the disable person.
It helps to cover the huyge out of pocket cost of his medications which frees up money for our family's other expenses.
It helps to ease my financial worries.

It helps to get some of the things that he needs, such as clothes, food, meds
it helps to get things our family needs
It helps to know we will have something to spend on him and his needs/wants.
It helps to meet other needs or special things Daphne needs or wants
it helps to pay basic expenses in household
It helps to pay bills, take my son out, participate in outings to the show, games.
It helps to pay for medical supplies not covered by insurance...syringes, pull-ups, gauze, tape, wipes, additional nutrition
It helps to pay for medicine and the \$30 co-pay for his speech therapy
It helps to pay utility and food costs. For that we are really appreciative.
It helps us buy "needed" items for Breron
It helps us buy needed items
It helps w/medical expenses
It helps w/medical expenses
It helps when Tabith is in need of something and I don't have the money on hand.
It helps with Angels needs
it helps with bills and food at the end of the month
It helps with expenses
It helps with his school.
It helps with medical expenses.
It helps with my child's needs
It helps with my daughter's daily life
It helps with my son's needs.
It helps with my son's needs.
it helps with the general household expenses
It helps, but there is no way it pays for even one trip to the hospital and we spend weeks there each year
It is a big help because all I have is a part time job and it helps with the food and clothes for my child.
It is a good help
it is a great aid for my child
It is a much welcome help to relieve some of the financial burden that goes along with caring for a special needs child.
It is a relief off of our stress with things when I have to miss work to care for him
It is a safe haven for unexpected monthly expenses or emergencies.
It is a very big help with my daughter's wants and needs.
It is additional income to offset increased expenses because of my child's condition.
It is extremely helpful with all the extras she needs and wants that we can't always afford
It is nice to receive but doesn't replace my income as a RN that I don't get staying home to care for my child.
It is received in a very timely manner.
It is something to put towards his needs.
It let me buy my child clothes because outgrow them regularly.
it pays for childcare
It provides extra income to do things or make purchases otherwise not able to without the assistance. Also the ability to pay for sitting for him when needed.
It provides groceries, clothes and shoes for my son. It comes at right time.

It really helps to meet my family's financial needs
It reduced the cost of sitters
It relieves some of our worries, it helps us to be able to pay for therapy and her extra needs
It was an unexpected financial boost which came during the economic crunch. Any assistance is much appreciated.
It's a big help
It's a big help for all little costs
It's a big help for the middle of the month when you don't get paid until the end of the month
It's an extra help when needed. We don't have to worry about the cost of extra things needed for our child.
it's availability
It's available to consumers
It's available, but constant year updates I don't like.
It's money I can use just for my child and she gets all the things that she enjoys - favorite foods, toys, recreations, clothes
It's not taxed
It's very helpful
Just grateful to get something, any amount of money helps.
Just having a little extra to get him what he needs.
Knowing that I can provide for my child.
knowing that the money will be there next month for all her needs
Ip and we really do appreciate it's value because times are hard
Makes it easier to get things my child needs/wants
Method of payment
Minimal paperwork, freedom to apply funds based on our son's individual needs.
Monetary help for general living expenses
Money for clothes and school activities
Monthly help to buy special items
Ms. Lisa Kirakois treating you like a child.
My son was able to receive it and at his age it is very much needed especially in buying his clothes and food.
Not taxed
OCDD helping the dev. Disabled
Offsets the expense of counseling and other supplies/goods
Offsets the expense of diapers and pharmacy bill
Our freedom to spend the money how we see fit
Pays for out of pocket medical and educational expenses
people, service, care
Provides things that I couldn't before
quick response
receiving it
Reduces stress
Reduces stress due to financial worries
Reduces the stress in the family.
Security of income for my son, am able to plan ahead for things
Since he don't get any other assistance, this is greatly appreciated. Appreciate that one scrutinizes how the money is spend

Since he don't get any other assistance, this is greatly appreciated. Appreciah that on one scrutinizes how the money is spend
Since I lost my job and my wife started working it helps pay the bills.
Small compensation for the work I have to miss because he is ill so often.
some help is better than no help at all
Some relief from the 24/7 care required
Spend money on what is needed at the time
spending it the way I want for that month
steady income
Steady, almost always there when expected.
Support of the workers who make sure we receive cash subsidy
Thank you.
Thankful for any amount of money
That every month it is direct deposited in time in our account and that my quarterly report is mailed to me each time it is needed.
that I am able to get things that I wasn't able to get before
That I am able to pay my electric & water bill on time without worry.
That I am able to provide for my son
That I can choose how to spend the money
That I can take my child to do recreational things she enjoys tha tl would not be able to afford otherwise.
That I have the extra money to buy diapers and night time "goodnights" for him. At 11 years old, that is a lot of diapers.
That I have the money and I'm able to have transportation to get her to and from dr. appt
That I need it a lot of times to buy Noah supplies, diapers, wipes, soap and medicine.
That I receive it on a regular basis
That is allows me and Acacia do more things that we were not able to do before. Also to help purchase things she needs.
That it allows me to spen dmoney on my child for clothes/special need things
That it allows me to spend money on my child for clothes and special need things she needs that my income doesn't allow.
That it allows us to be like other families and spend time together
That it eases the finance stress of caring for my child
That it exists
That it exists - any help is much appreciated
That it gives my child more at the end of the month
That it has allowed me to bring them to the theatres and other outings and keep up with bills
That it has enabled me to do more for my family.
That it helps pay for expensive vitamins and daycare.
That it helps with our family needs
That it is a cash subsidy program and not income paid. It helps being that way so he can receive medicaid
That it is not based on income
That it is not based on income
That it is not based on income
that it is there
That it isn't income based

That it usually comes right on time because I am a single parent of 2 high school students. Funds are very tight at present
That my child can receive aquatic therapy, the lift in my van to transport him and that he can go to hippo therapy.
That someone cares and is offering support.
That the cash subsidy comes to my mail box in the middle of the month. I can buy shoes and socks for my child.
That the income helps my child
that there is a program out there such as this one to help families
That there is funding for families who really need it
That there is funding for families who really need it.
That we are able to do more with my children and that we can spend it as needed.
that we were able to get the \$258
That you can choose how to spend money
The \$258 & Lisa Kiriakos - she does a great job!
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The \$258 and Lisa Kiriakos - she does a great job!
The ability to better meet the needs of my child
The ability to do more for our grandson. We have spent our own cash for everything for the past 12 1/2 years.
The ability to get the things needed for his care and keeping him healthy
The ability to pay for eye glasses that medicaid will not cover
The ability to pay for eye glasses that medicaid will not cover
The ability to pay for eye glasses that medicaid will not cover
The ability to spend it how I see fit on the needs of my child
The ability to spend it how I see fit on the needs of my child
The ability to spend it how I see fit on the needs of my child.
The ability to use funds as needed
the additional income
The cash subsidy is very helpful with the expenses that come with taking care of our child with disabilities.
The cash subsidy program has eased some of the financial pressure we have had due to our son's special needs.
The Cash Subsidy program helps me a lot hen it is time for things that are needed such as diapers, clothes and other items that might be needed.
the cash to use as I see fit
The child gets all the things he needs at time needed.
the concern for the disabled to function the best they can
The cost of living expenses
The extra cash helps me to be able to make purchases on the spot for him or able to get more of what he wants.
The extra financial help
The extra help when we need it most
The extra money
The extra money every month
The extra money every month
The extra money helps out

The extra money helps out
The extra push that we needed to keep things on a positive note.
The fact that it comes every month and helps us provide what our child needs without straining our budget more.
The fact that it even exists
The fact that there are good programs out there to help
The fact that there is a cash subsidy program to help
the financial help with nutritional and child care needs
The flexibility of spending allowed.
The flexibility of spending the money
The flexibility of spending the money
The flexibility.
No paperwork
The freedom to use it the way we see fit and that it is not based on income
The freedom to use it the way we see fit and that it is not based on income.
The funds help out a lot
the funds help pay for nutritional supplements not covered by medicaid
The funds received by me to help with the disabilities my child has.
The guaranteed monthly income
The help
The help given to pay for weekly therapy where insurance becomes too expensive.
The help it has provided me in caring for Jaylin's needs.
The help it has provided me in caring for my child's needs
The help it has provided me in caring for my child's needs
The income.
the ladies are kind and helpful,very knowledgable about this and other programs
The money comes on time, the first of every month.
The money comes in handy.
the money eases the financial burden
The money helps
The money helps to pay for ABA therapy.
The money helps to pay for things that insurance doesn't cover
The money really comes in handy when we need to buy her "special" food, vitamins and supplements.
The monthly payments
The monthly payments
The nice and courteous people that work for the program
The only services that I understand the program to offer is the cash subsidy. However, I am truly appreciative for the subsidy because it affords my child opportunities for recreations and it pays a bill.
The opportunity for my child to do other things because of the cash subsidy.
The program allows me to be able to allow aerianna to participate more fully in the community. We are able to go and do more activities.
The program helps financially with the addition of SSI payments each month. I also enjoy the assistance of the case worker tremendously. She is always helpful to us
The program helps w/needs. We purchase wipes, clothes, school uniforms and supplies

The program helps with Brookes needs. We purchase wipes, clothes, school uniforms and supplies.
The reduction of financial burden that results in less stress on us as her parents and more financial and emotional resources to pour into our children.
the responsible people working in the office. Mrs. Kristie is the best. She is very knowledable and understanding
The service that they offer.
The services are really good.
the timing of payment
The way that it helps the family
The way they handle things.
The worker that comes to my house
There are additional expenses with special needs children so we appreciate how simple it is to receive this help.
There is other things that my child needs, sometimes on the day to day basics so it helps a lot knowing that we have a little more help.
These funds have allowed me to purchase items Tyler needs to make his life better.
They are nice
they care enough to give a little extra to families stretched beyond believe
This assists Jennifer and our family with meeting her daily needs.
This helps with extra expenses from therapy
This particular program helps meet the needs of my child.
this program makes my child feel as normal as any other child without a disability
To buy extra toys he need, more extra activities
To buy extra toys he need, more extra activities
To buy special toys he needs, more extra activities.
To give him things and events we can't.
Too much because help
Travel expenses to and from doctor appointments
Unobtrusiveness
use the money on things that are necessary for my child
Used for co-pays, special food, Dr's appts
Very helpful
Very helpful financially
very helpful to take care of my son's needs
Very helpful, huge relief to my family
Very organized and dependable, needed and appreciated
We appreciate everything about the program. This is something you don't have to give us.
We appreciate the financial assistance. Both me and my spouse work 2 jobs to make ends meet. My daughter's medical expenses were a hardship.
we can spend the money how we need to
we can take care of things we couldn't before
we value the opportunity to provide services for our child that would otherwise use budget busters
We're trying to get out of debt. This is a great help
When my child needs something, I can get it
When my child needs something, I can get it

When my child needs something, I can get it.
When we were in need it helped a whole lot

Question 9f. What would you do to change how the Cash Subsidy program is run?

Statement
A cost of living increase with the cash subsidy.
a monthly or quarterly statement to track purchases
Add more funds to the program
allow children over 18 to receive
Amount should be based on disability
Amount should be based on each individual not across the board set amount
an increase for the families to continue to help ease the financial difficulty
Asked for school IEP before it is complete. Letter was a bit threatening.
attitudes and how they talk to people
Based more upon individual needs
Cannot answer the question at this time
Can't think of anything.
Change amount of money to keep up with inflation
Change how often you want copies of the current IEP, seems like I send that 2 or 3 times/year
Change how often you want copies of the current IEP. Seems like I send that 2 or 3 times a year.
Change the amount of time it takes a child to receive the cash subsidy
change the date to an earlier date to help out w/timely things
Change the wait list, increase amount
Change the waiting list because it's too long
Continue past 18 yrs. Our circumstances are not changing inflation is cutting back our ability to provide all her needs. We are past the age of securing employment. My husband (73) is currently working part time as a janitor
Could use an increase
Cut off age is too short. Should stop at 21
decrease wait time
Don't know.
don't have to wait so long to get money
Due to my not being able to work, I don't have enough credits to get retirement
Evaluate each family and determine the dollar amount according to each family's needs
extend age to receive subsidy to age 22 years.
Extend the age limit beyond age 18.
families should receive more money to full assist the child's needs
faster
Find a way to raise money and give bigger allowances to each family
Find ways to reach more people sooner. Let them know this is available and reduce the waiting time to get service.
Give a lil more money cause the families can't make no money on a job and th cost of living is too high
Give cash to families 1-2 years after they sign up for services
Give families more money

Give families more money
Give families more money
Give more time to get paperwork in
Give more to people that don't receive SS.
Give to families of working parents to help instead of people who already get all of the free services.(unless taking care of their child keeps them home)
Have a certain day that the caregiver receives the check.
Have employees of cash subsidy program treat recipients with more dignity.
Have it available upon birth of disabled child
Have it funded through age 22.
Have no idea!
have personnel return phone calls and send out appropriate paperwork (only) in a timely manner
have t go direct deposit
I appreciate what we receive but I wish it were a little more but I also with more people were well informed about its availability. Otherwise, great job
I believe it is a beautiful program.
I can't think of anything I would change although I would really appreciate some respite care.
I don't know
I don't know.
I feel the program is run very well. My only change would be that everfy disabled child could receive this without a waiting list.
I think the amount should be raised for individuals who don't qualify for any financial support.
I would change the wait list and the cut off age.By the time my son's name came up he only had two years on the program
I would like to have respite care
I would n ot change too much but I would change the amount. But thank God fro the amount we receive
I would n ot change too much but I would change the amount. But thank God fro the amount we receive
I wouldn't change the cash subsidy program.
I wouldn't change a thing!
I wouldn't change a thing.
I wouldn't change anything.
I wouldn't do anything different.
I wouldn't do anything to change it.
I'd like feedback from other parents regarding programs offered locally.
I'm very pleased with the service.
improve our case management services as we've had a big turnover and some were poorly trained. Improved services from UCP have had many irresponsible PCS's or aides
Increase according to inflation
Increase amount
Increase amount
Increase amount according to inflation and cost of living
Increase amount given

Increase amount, lessen wait time, extend past age 18
Increase amount, shorten wait list
Increase cash
Increase money
Increase pay
Increase pay
Increase payment
Increase payments
Increase payments
increase the amount
increase the amount
Increase the amount
Increase the amount
Increase the amount because it is all we receive.
Increase the amount due to cost of living increase
Increase the amount received to families not receiveing any other assistance.
Increase the amount received to families not receiving any other assistance
Increase the amount received to families not receiving any other assistance
Increase it
Is is fair the way it is run
Is is fair the way it is run
It is a great program. I wouldn't change anything. Thank you.
It is doing okay for my family.
It is easy once you're approved.
It is fair the way it is run.
It is good for her. We really appreciate it.
It is run very effectively and efficiently.
It took almost 7 years for us to receive services os many something could be done to expedite services for toehr who are on a waiting list.
It would be easier if it can be direct deposited to the bank account.
It would be nice to communicate via internet rather than mail.
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It wouldn't have such a long waiting list.
It's run fine.
Joint communication between officer and school system
Length of waiver lists. 4-7 year wait is hard to deal with.
less application time
Less paper work
Less paper work
Less paperwork
Let parents know what all is available out there
Lower the wait period to get the cash
Lower the waiting period to get the cash
Make it a more timely program. It took years for us to get help for him.
make it available sooner
Make it where the waiting list list is not years long to get the cash subsidy.
Make the checks come at the same time every month

Maybe more money
Maybe more money
more access
More info for parents not familiar with program or options
More money
More money but the state doesn't have the money.
more money for those who don't qualify for SSI
more money to help pay bills
more money would be nice
more money, let them get it until they turn 21 years old
More public awareness that there is help available and that there is a need for more locations
more resources more quickly
Ms. Lisa works with me to help me stay aware of deadlines and responding to reports are convenient9ex. Phone,fax,mail). I don't have to miss work
my son has a better quality of life bc of this program
My son was on a waiting list for nine years before we were able to receive any assistance.
n/a
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A no comment
New to the program...
No
No change is needed.
No complaints
No complaints
No complaints.
No improvement needed.
No major changes.
No suggestions.
None
None
None
None
None
Not a thing.
Not a thing.
Not allow it to be counted as income by food stamps
Not enough to cover everything.
not have such a long waiting list. I have a second child who needs services that has been on the waiting list for 6 years
Not have such a long waiting period before receiving check
Not have to respond to office every two months. If nothing changes, I shouldn't have to "check in."
Not sure
Not sure how it is ran

Not sure how it is ran
Not sure how it is ran.
Nothave the initalwait so long to get the cash subsidy.
Nothing Listed 174 times
Nothing at this time
Nothing except make it available to more families.
Nothing! I just wish we received the monies on the 1st of the month like Jefferson Parish.
Nothing. (Listed 174 times)
Nothing. The staff at JP Human Service Authority are GREAT
Nothing. I am grateful.
Nothing. I like the way it is.
Nothing. I think it runs very smoothly. I especially like the direct deposit option.
Nothing. The staff at Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority are GREAT!
Nothing. You are doing a great job.
Nothing...wonderful appreciated program.
Notices received are rude
CAHSD worker unpleasant
Number of years it took to begin receiving it
On waiting list for 6 years - should receive back pay for all those years
Only to make sure the family and child with the disability is being helped, especially the ones who are facing financial difficulties.
Pay more depending on households
Periodic information on how the subsidy might be used i.e. information on specific camps, I.D. sources for purchasing assistive technology, I.D. local recreational programs, etc. Maybe a one page flyer could be mailed quarterly with the cash subsidy info sheet.
Possibly after about 2-3 years being in the program, a \$12/month increase to adjust for inflation
prices have gone up and no increase in funds. I wanted to send my child to an school for autistic kids but can't afford it
Raise the funds
Reduce paper work - this survey could have been done over the phone
Reduce the quarterly report to twice yearly.
Reduce waiting list times. People are in need of relief now but they have to wait almost 5 years before they receive it
Reorganize
Review qualifying criteria upon application. We had a delay for receiving funds once child's name came up on list b/c the school classification ws not autism althouth doctor's diagnosis was autism. We had to request new evaluation from school system and lost several months of subsidy.
Send check at same date every month
Send monthly or every 3 months from bank with uses and balances
Send out more info about the program,waiting list
shorten the waiting list
Shorten wait list
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Shorten wait list, inform more people about this program
Shorten waiting list

Shorten waiting list, I have another child who has been on the waiting list for three years
Shorter wait time to receive it
shorter waiting period. It took us six years to get cash subsidy
should be based on individual's needs, not choose different things each month based on budget
Should give people more time for quarterly forms, received one and it was due 2 days later or service would be discontinued
Shouldn't have to call every 3 months to verify household status esp since we have case manager who does this already. Send quarterly reports with pre paid return envelopes
Shouldn't stop age at 18, should continue as long as they're in school
Speed up application process - applied 2004, received 2010
Stop getting a paper check and receive a bank card.
Stop losing paperwork, and making us repeat it over and over! Return a phone call!
Subsidy goes to families that don't abuse the system and the ones that need it more than others that don't use the money for its purpose.
That it would last til age 21 instead of 18
The amount
The check should be more dependable and arrive on the same day or close to it each month. It is needed so badly to make ends meet.
The program is fine the way it is.
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The program is good.
The program works well for me.
The requirements for the program are discriminatory. SEE NOTE UNDER SECTION "B"
the selection process shouldn't be based solely on child's IEP
The staff is rude!
The wait list was at least five years
The waiting list
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The waiting list, increased by \$50, extend the life.
The waiting period
There needs to be a better system with paperwork. 3 month reports should be done by phone and email. IEPs are done once a year. They should wait until they are done but they force you to get a meeting before it expires.
This is our first time so I have not complaints or ideas at this time.
Tighter monitoring for abuse of system by unworthy recipients or caregivers
To be provided with a list of places, services offered for my child's needs, often.
To check the needs of the individual more in depth.
to have a set when it comes in on
Too much paperwork. Allow for paper checks for some individuals that can not do direct deposit.
Try to increase the amount of cash.
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We are pleased with the program. We know many families in our same circumstance are not receiving it.
We could always use more.
we need home modifications, and home health to come to our home,OT,Speech
With costs rising, it would help to see the amount received increased.
Won't change how it is ran but will give a little more money.
would like more funds
Would like to receive check more punctually
Would make the checks come on time
Would not change it at all
would not require an IEP-my child is permanently disabled and has needs whether or not a current IEP is in his file or not
Wouldn't