



Making Connections – Why Is This Important

Most of the children with IDD who get services and supports live with their families. The Child Family Survey provides a way for these families to comment on whether their family and their child with IDD are being supported to participate in their communities. Family caregivers need to be supported to ensure that their children can take part in their communities like other children. Having friends can help children to make connections and to be included. To make sure that children with IDD as well as their families participate in their communities, we need to understand any barriers that they encounter like lack of transportation or because of the cost. Feedback from families on these issues can be shared with state officials (like a governor or mayor) in order to inform policy making and to improve the options for community engagement.

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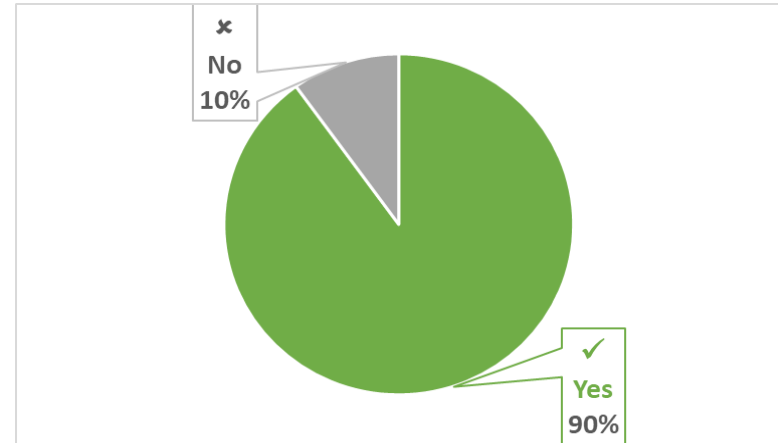
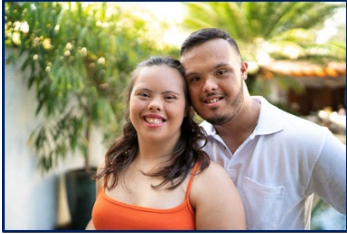
People go out in their community to do many things, like go to the movies, concerts, play sports and see friends. When we ask about community, we mean the places where people go out around their home. Places like parks, restaurants, or places of worship. NCI asks if children spend time with other children who do not have DD with and if they do things in their community.

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- When we say “**child**” we mean **the person who is getting services from the state**.



Does your child spend time with children who do not have developmental disabilities?



NCI tells us **9** out of every **10** people said **their child spends time with children who do not have developmental disabilities.**

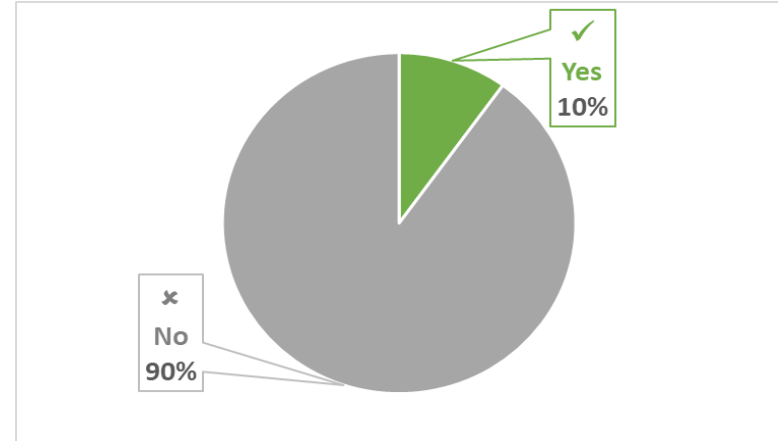
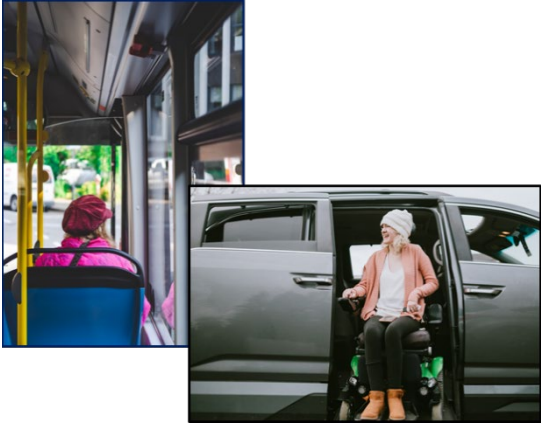
What makes it hard for people to do things in the community?

Some people are not always able to do things they want in the community, things like going to the movies, going to concerts or spending time with friends. NCI asks people what makes it hard to do things in the community when they want to.

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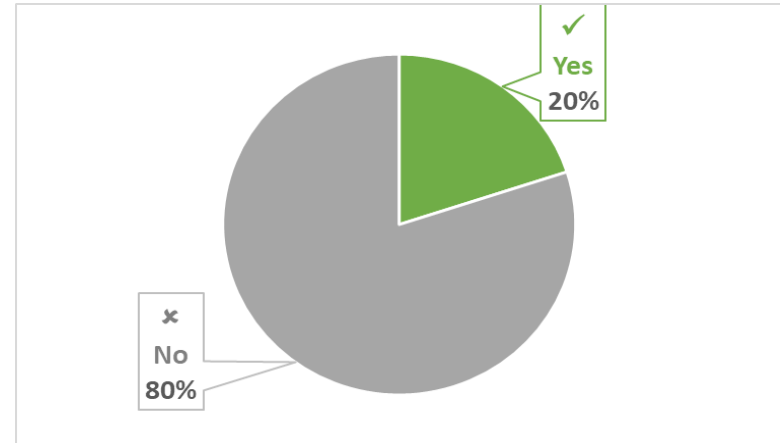
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If it's hard for your child to do things in the community, is it because of transportation?



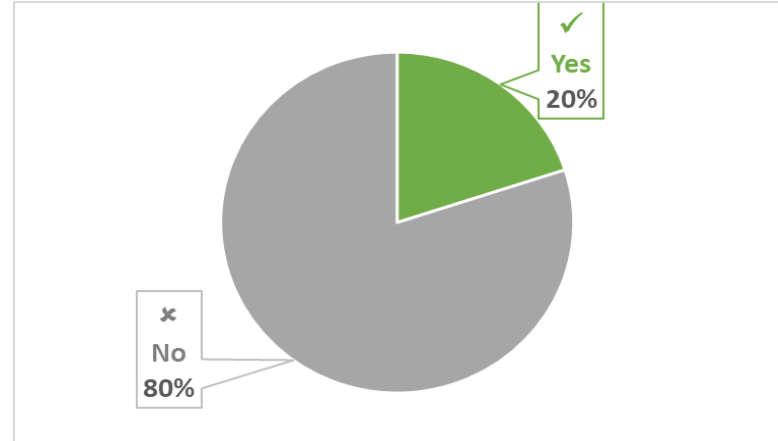
NCI tells us **1** out of every **10** people said **not having enough transportation makes it hard for their child to do things in the community.**

If it's hard for your child to do things in the community, is it because of the cost?



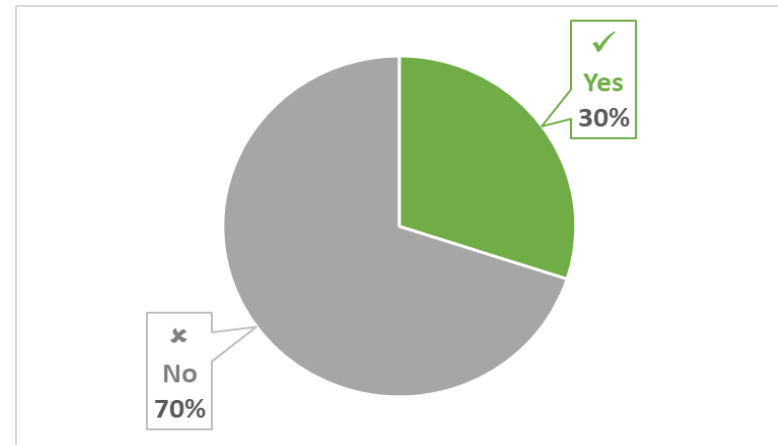
NCI tells us **2** out of every **10** people said **cost makes it hard for their child to do things in the community.**

If it's hard for your child to do things in the community, is it because of there are not enough support staff?



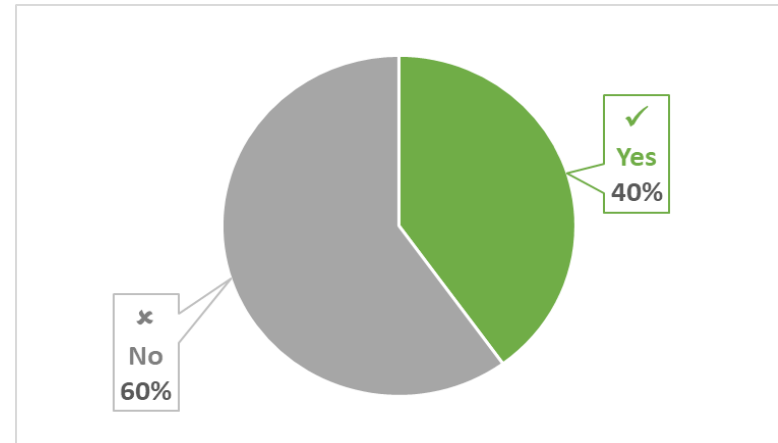
NCI tells us **2** out of every **10** people said **not having enough support staff makes it hard for their child to do things in the community.**

If it's hard for your child to do things in the community, is it because of stigma (other people acting badly or negatively toward your family member)?



NCI tells us **3** out of every **10** people said **stigma makes it hard for their child to do things in the community.**

Are there other things that make it hard for your child do things in the community?



NCI tells us **4** out of every **10** people said **there are other things that make it hard for their child to do things in the community.**

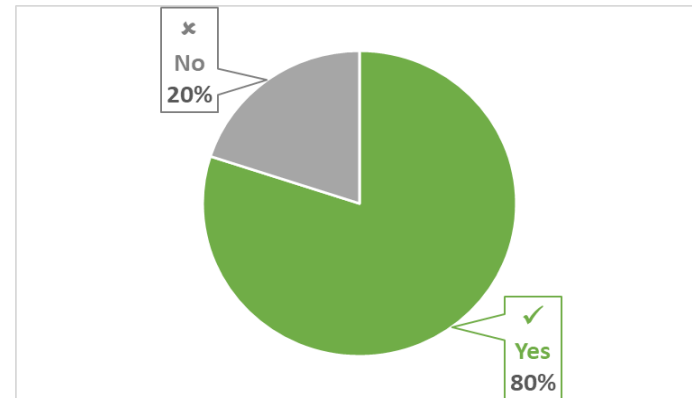
Community Resources

Many people get help from staff in their home, at their day program and at work. Some families can also get help from people in their community. NCI asks if families get help from people in their community

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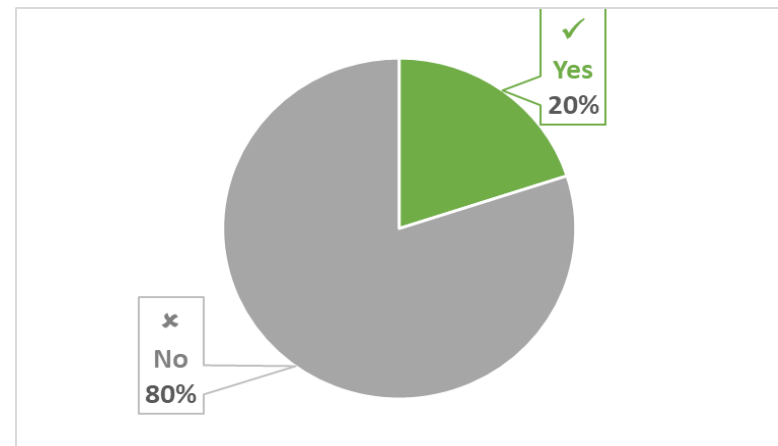
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Are there supports in your community that your family can use that your family does not get from the I/DD agency?
Supports are things like public transportation, recreational programs or community groups.



NCI tells us **8** out of every **10** people said **that there are there supports in their community that their family can use that their family does not get from the I/DD agency.**

Does your family take part in any family-to-family networks? Family-to-family networks are groups like Parent to Parent and sibling groups, where people who have a family member with a disability share information.



NCI tells us **2** out of every **10** people said that their family takes part in family-to-family networks.



What Did Family of Children With Disabilities across NCI States Say?

90% Their child has friends other than paid support workers or family

10% If it's hard for their child to do things in the community, is it because of transportation

20% If it's hard for their child to do things in the community, is it because of the cost

20% If it's hard for their child to do things in the community, is it because of there are not enough support staff

30% If it's hard for their child to do things in the community, is it because of stigma (other people acting badly or negatively toward your family member)

40% If it's hard for their child to do things in the community, is it because of other things

80% There are supports in the community that their family can use that they family do not get from the I/DD agency

20% Family takes part in any family-to-family networks