

Initial Report

Families Know Best - Sept 2013

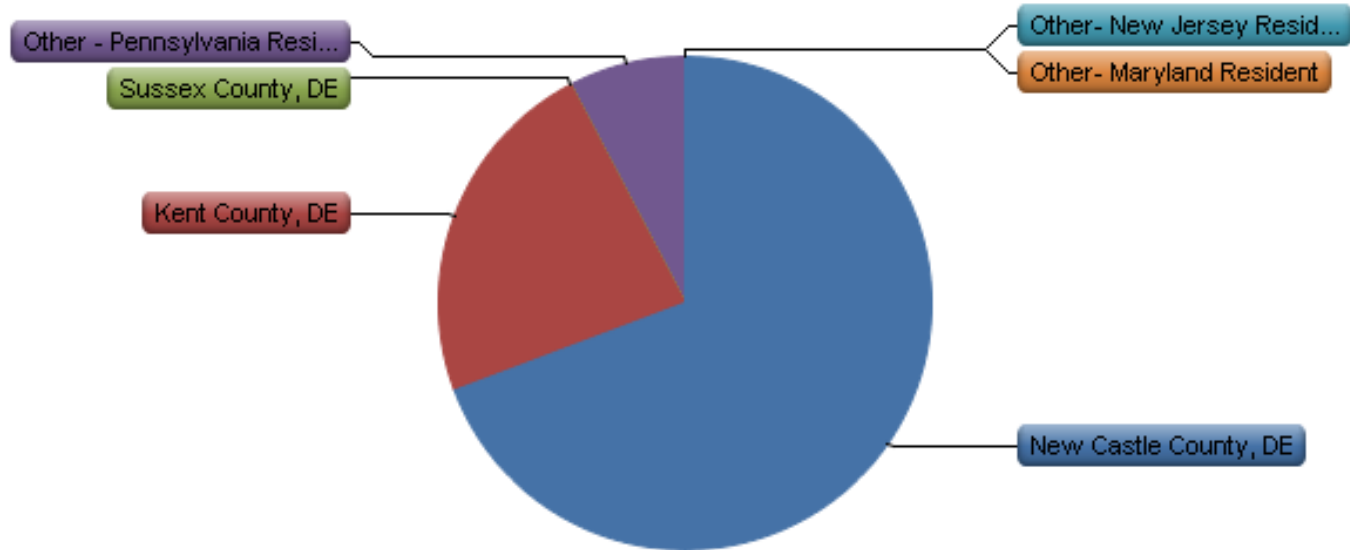
Assistive Technology

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1. What is your child's disability or health condition?

Text Response
Autism
High Functioning Autism
Rett syndrome
autism, FTT, G-tube, potentially life-threatening food allergies
Autism
Down syndrome
Down Syndrome / Autism / Hearing Impairment
brain disorder, cp
Autism
multiple disabilities/cp
diabetes
Dandy-Walker Malformation
Down syndrome

3. What is your county of residence?



4. Please tell us about the top three obstacles to using Assistive Technology with your child.

Obstacle 1	Obstacle 2	Obstacle 3
Device Use	Access	Attitude
-Training	-Funding	-Convincing Others AT has a Positive Impact
-Complexity	-Insurance	

8. How did you first learn about Assistive Technology services AND devices?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	From the definition at the beginning of this survey	1	11%
2	From a friend or family member	0	0%
3	From a professional (teacher, physical therapist, speech language pathologist, etc.)	6	67%
4	Self-discovery (internet, magazines, etc.)	0	0%
5	At a conference or exposition	1	11%
6	Other: Please tell us how you learned about Assistive Technology	1	11%
	Total	9	100%

9. Select 1 statement below that best captures the “Ah Ha” moment when you realized how Assistive Technology could make a difference in the life of your child.

Answer	Response	%
When I read the definition at the beginning of this survey	1	11%
I saw another child using Assistive Technology and it made me wonder if there was something our family could use.	1	11%
Someone taught me how to use a switch toy so my child could learn cause and effect and from there I just kept asking more and more about Assistive Technology.	3	33%
Someone showed me a video of a child before and after using Assistive Technology and how the device made it possible for that child to do things he had been unable to do before.	1	11%
I asked our therapist if there are things I could use so that my child would be able to tell me what he/she wanted or needed instead of playing the 20 question game.	1	11%
Other: Please tell us about your “Assistive Technology Ah Ha” moment:	2	22%
Total	9	100%

Other: Please tell us about your “Assistive Technology Ah Ha” moment:

Per the answer to my previous question, I knew about AAC devices before my son was even born. When it became obvious that he was not succeeding with either spoken or signed language communications, I knew it was time to use an AAC device

see below

10. Have you experienced any obstacles to using Assistive Technology with your child? In other words, have you been frustrated?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	2	22%
2	Yes	7	78%

11. Pick the 2 items of advice that you might give to another family

Answer	Response	%
Know your child/family rights to getting Assistive Technology services and devices	4	44%
If used properly, Assistive Technology assists not only the user but all of the people that interact with the user	6	67%
Assistive Technology can be the answer that you have been waiting for – don't delay!	1	11%
Be sure to get information about the funding sources to help you pay for Assistive Technology	7	78%

12. Pick the 2 items of advice that you might give to another family

#	Answer	Response	%
1	You will need to get training about Assistive Technology	4	44%
2	Other families are the best source of information about Assistive Technology	3	33%
3	Prioritize – use Assistive Technology so that something can be done without you having to assist	4	44%
5	It is important to start early - Your child is never too young to use Assistive Technology	7	78%

15. Thinking back, who would you have turned to for Assistive Technology SERVICES or who would you turn to today?

Text Response
School
Maybe Easter Seals, but I did just request an evaluation for my son at school on his IEP
therapists, school staff
doctor

21. Pick the 2 items of advice that you might give to another family

Answer	Response	%
When you are considering a more expensive, “high-tech” device I suggest having a professional assessment before making any purchases	7	78%
There are so many Assistive Technology device options so be sure to visit the local Assistive Technology lending library to discover it all	2	22%
You can be the one to introduce the idea of using Assistive Technology, don’t wait for professionals to teach you about it	3	33%
Make sure your IEP/IFSP addresses Assistive Technology services as well as devices	5	56%

22. Pick the 2 items of advice that you might give to another family

Answer	Response	%
There is evidence about how Assistive Technology can make the difference between being able to do the things you/your child wants to do and not being able to do those things	5	56%
Some professionals know way more about Assistive Technology than others	5	56%
Assistive Technology is not a substitute for your child's learning, it is a bridge to learning	7	78%

23. You are almost finished! Pick the 2 items of advice that you might give to another family

Answer	Response	%
As your child grows and learns the need for Assistive Technology is likely to change based on the expectations of different settings	2	22%
Don't feel that you have to spend a lot of money on Assistive Technology – there are low to no-cost things that may help and there are ways to borrow devices	5	56%
Children with many different types of delays and disabilities can benefit from using Assistive Technology	8	89%
Involve your whole family and some friends in brainstorming ideas about using Assistive Technology with your child – the more ideas the better!	2	22%