



## OTTAWA ADULT AUTISM INITIATIVE

The Ottawa Adult Autism Initiative (OAAI) was started by a local grassroots group of volunteers that includes adults on the autism spectrum, family members & allies, and ASD professionals. Autism Ontario is our partner in this project, which is funded by a seed grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

**Our goal is to make it easier for ASD adults and their families in the Ottawa area to find the supports they need to live a full and satisfying life.**

The current funding allows us to gather your opinions, perspectives and lived experiences to form a “community snapshot” that will provide the basis for the next phase of the project: seeking funding to create a new way for ASD adults, family members & allies and ASD service providers/professionals to connect to ensure needs are met (we will not replace any existing supports or services).

**OUR ONLINE SURVEY IS NOW OPEN!**

**Our original survey launch date was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic and lock-down.** We understand that everyone’s lives (including supports & services) have been disrupted by this on-going situation. These are difficult and unusual times, and we hope you’re finding a way to make a “new normal” that works for you.

**We don’t want to cause any extra distress by bringing up sensitive topics in a challenging time.** This is why the survey will remain open until the end of December 2020: you can choose any time between now and the end of December to fill out the survey, whenever you feel able to answer questions about your life and your usual supports and services.

**The survey does not have specific questions asking about the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are places in the questionnaire where you can share information about your recent experiences if you want to.**

### WHO CAN FILL OUT THE SURVEY?

- **Adults on the autism spectrum (survey available in both a plain text and a visual/accessible version)**
- **Family members or allies of an ASD adult**
- **ASD service providers/professionals**

**We want to hear from you: What’s working? What’s not?**

You can access the survey (English & French versions) through the OAAI website at [www.ottawaadultautism.com](http://www.ottawaadultautism.com)

All responses will remain confidential – we will never use your name with your survey responses.