Who Cares for Our Adult Children After We’re Gone?

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An Unprecedented Challenge:

For every one Californian substantially disabled by autism in the early 1980s, there are more than 20 today. Most will outlive their parents.

Now more than 270,000 people with substantial DD in Calif.
Bay Area Regional Center Cases 1990 v 2014

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Nearly **14x more autism cases** than in 1990.

Source: California Dept of Developmental Services
Autism Is Growing Up

Figure 1 - Distribution of Birth Dates of Regional Center Eligible Persons with Autism

Leading edge of the epidemic: about 34 years old now.
The vast majority of autism cases, about 85%, are under the age of 25, with only about 7% over age 31.
91% of people with ASD currently live at home. But parents do not last forever.
Growing Old or Dying Is ... Expensive

What happens when autism/DD parents can no longer provide daily care?
Scenario 1: Adult Autism SLS

Five full-time staff at $12/hour
3 8-hour shifts, 1 weekend shift,
1 supervisory role/alternate
$104,832
(not including overtime, some management, workers comp, vacation time)

Housing and utilities:
Modest two-bedroom apartment in Bay Area
$25,000

Food, clothing, recreation, technology,
thérapiés, medical
$30,000

=$160,000 per year

Does not include conservators, trustees, Regional Center supervision, or other administrative costs
Scenario 2: Negotiated Rate Group Home

Group Home Vendor: 3-person home
$19,973.25 per month
$240,000 per year

Behavioral Day Program
$1,238.78 per month
$15,000 per year

Clothing, recreation, technology, medical, transportation
$25,000

= $280,000 per year

Does not include conservators, trustees, Regional Center supervision, or other administrative costs
But 70,000 (and growing) People with Substantially Disabling Autism...

What Will it Cost?

Let’s say 10% live outside family home with 1:1 24/7 supervision.

7,000 people at $200,000 per year

=$1.4 billion per year

Now let’s say 30% exit family home and need 1:1.

21,000 people at $200,000 per year

=$4.2 billion per year

(DDS entire budget is $5 billion—remember there are more than 270,000 people with substantial DD in Calif.)
We have a statewide problem.  
A national crisis. 

500,000 WILL COME OF AGE IN THE NEXT 6 YEARS. 
Who will care for them? 

And, unfortunately, a nation in denial.
Help us forge a better future for our kids.

Adult Housing and Lifespan Care Solutions Initiative

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http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/adults