

# Autism After 21 Utah Project

Plain Language Explainer

# **Project Goal**

Build more inclusive communities across Utah

## Who is Involved?

- Autistic adults
- Family members of autistic adults
- Local leaders
- Business leaders
- Housing developers
- Service providers
- Other community members

# The Project has 2 Sub-Projects

### 1) Autism After 21 Utah - Main Study



Looking at how to build more inclusive communities

### 2) Housing Research



Looking at housing needs and barriers in 3 regions



#### Where

Reaching as many communities in Utah as possible



#### Who is Involved

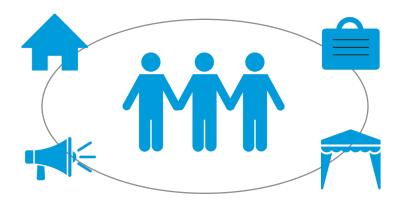
Anyone in any career field that wants to be involved





## Phase 1

Look at Inclusion Needs
Across Utah



Publish the Data



Who is Involved in this Phase?

Autistic adults, family members of autistic adults, business leaders



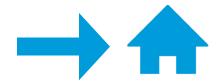
## Phase 2

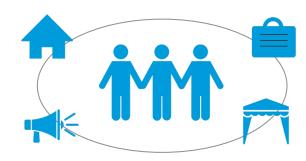
Form Groups to Create Plans for Inclusion

Start those plans in the community

Look Again at Inclusion Levels and Needs







#### Who is Involved in this Phase?

Autistic adults, family members of autistic adults, business leaders, government leaders, service providers, housing developers, any other community members



### Phase 3

Publish the Data

Share the information with other states and communities





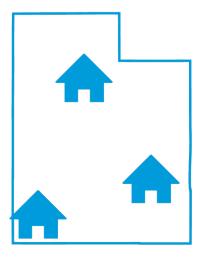
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Anyone that wants to help share the information



#### Where

3 regions of Utah: Salt Lake Valley, Southeast Utah, Southwest Utah



### Who is Involved

- Autistic adults and others with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Family members of autistic adults and others with I/DD
- People working in housing
- People interested in inclusive housing





## Why Housing?

Housing is the highest need for autistic adults and their families.

Our housing research takes a detailed look at this need.





#### Phase 1

Gather information on housing needs.

Participants first watch a video to learn about their housing options.

Then they take a survey to share their needs and preferences.





#### Who is Involved in this Phase?

Autistic adults and other adults with I/DD, family members of autistic adults



#### Phase 2

Share the data from Phase 1 with housing leaders. They tell us ideas for reaching those needs.



#### Who is Involved in this Phase?

Housing leaders, independent living support service providers



#### Phase 3

Publish the data and share it with others!

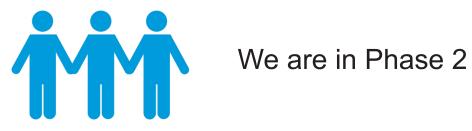


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# Where are we at right now?

### 1) Autism After 21 Utah - Main Study



### 2) Housing Research



We are in Phase 1 in Southeast Utah. Salt Lake Valley's process has been completed.