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AUTISM TRAVEL SURVEY

IBCCES surveyed parents and autistic individuals to learn more about their travel habits and needs.

**This is an update to IBCCES' 2018 survey that has been widely referenced when discussing autistic travelers.*



Are you hesitant to travel or visit new locations because you and/or your child is on the autism spectrum?

78%
SAID YES

Would you take more vacations or visit more new places if you had access to autism-trained and certified options?

94%
SAID YES

MOST HELPFUL WHEN PLANNING A VISIT:

1

Accessibility programs & flexible options onsite

2

Trained and knowledgeable staff

3

Detailed sensory guides



What would you say to decision-makers at locations who have not completed autism or neurodiversity training or certification?

When we can find a place that is educated and supportive of neurodiversity, not only do we immediately become loyal customers, we tell all of our fellow moms who also have disabled children. Word of mouth is huge in the disability community.

You can't always tell someone's autistic by looking at them...there are more of us than you think and we're looking for "safe" and welcoming places to visit.

Any assistance we get as parents to help make it less stressful is something that we can't even begin to express how appreciative we are for it.

A very simple thing can mean the difference between our family staying longer/coming back/spending more money with your business. Training your staff and attempting to be flexible will make you a destination for families like mine.

RESEARCH SHOWS

7 in 10 consumers

would choose a destination, lodging, or transportation option that is more inclusive to all types of travelers, even if it's more expensive.

This means they are willing to spend more on travel that's truly inclusive.

92%

of consumers think it's important for travel providers to meet the accessibility needs of all travelers.