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Autism diagnoses have recently been on the rise, which eventually leads to young adults and their families having to figure out what to do for the future. Unfortunately, the services that these children grow up with will no longer be applicable once they turn 18. Families need to think about possible paths that would work best for their child. Some options would be a transitional school that could provide services and learning opportunities, group living communities that offer support while giving the individual a chance to live on his or her own while being supported, or vocational support that offers training and job search assistance.

I am planning on looking into what services are available for families and young adults once the individual is no longer supported by government services and funding. I am interested in interviewing and surveying people who work with adults with autism (special ed. Teachers, occupational therapists, etc.) that are in the transitional period of finishing school but are not yet ready to live on their own. I want to ask whether they feel that the services that are currently offered are enough and if not what can be done better or what are some new things that should be considered. I am planning on creating a poster board to show the results that I received from my surveys and interviews.