

## 2017 Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) Survey

### Sample Email

Subject: The 2017 Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) Survey

[Salutation],

We are pleased to share that our colleagues at The Arc of the United States in collaboration with the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota have launched the 2017 Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) Survey which seeks to capture experiences of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families on a range of life-span issues.

Intended survey participants are people aged 18 years or older who provide primary paid/unpaid and frequent support to a person with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) living in the United States and its Territories. They hope to gather survey data which is reflective of the diversity of the United States and we are excited to assist them in this important project. *[Feel free to add a sentence about why the participation of your specific constituency is important, e.g., representation of participation of minority and special interest groups in data collection efforts, etc.]*

To take the survey, visit [thearc.org/FINDS](http://thearc.org/FINDS).

[Closing],

[Signature]

### Sample Newsletter Blurb

#### **The 2017 FINDS Survey is Here!**

The Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota in collaboration with The Arc, is seeking caregivers to share their perceptions on a range of life-span issues impacting individuals with I/DD. We are inviting people aged 18 years or older who provide frequent primary paid/unpaid support to a person with an I/DD to participate.

The results of the [2010 Survey](#) provided unique insight into the growing gaps in education, employment, and other life-span activities that exist between persons with disabilities and their non-disabled peers, which has informed further dialogue and policy changes at the Federal and State levels.

Take the survey and share it widely in your networks! (<http://www.thearc.org/finds>)

The deadline is March 30.

## Questions?

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