# Parents of Children Living with a Neurological Condition

We spoke to parents of 74 children living with a neurological condition.

Many of the families share similar experiences, concerns and challenges.

### **Supports and Services**

Parents find it extremely difficult to find child care and respite services.

Parents report high stress levels when the rules change about eligibility for services and supports change.

Parents have to fight to get supports for their children at school, in health care and in the community.

#### **Impact on Families**

Parents experience a greater impact on their family function than parents of children with developmental delays, chronic pain or inflammatory bowel disease.

Parents report great difficulty having any kind of spontaneous family outing.

#### The Future

Parents worry about their child's future, particularly about their employment.

Parents worry about who will take care of their child when they are no longer able to.



## **Families are Resilient**

Despite challenges and facing high levels of impairment, families report a high level of satisfaction with life.

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