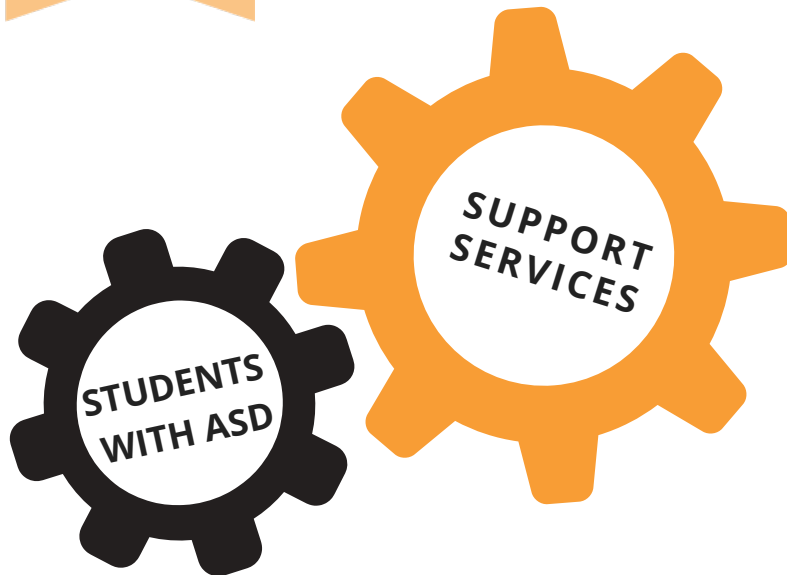




UNIVERSITY LIFE WITH ASD: FACULTY KNOWLEDGE AND STUDENT NEEDS

College Autism Network **Fast Fact #12**

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Students with ASD are frustrated trying to access to support

"It's difficult to explain these issues to other people when they don't see an actual problem, because when you're diagnosed with mild [ASD], people don't understand that you actually need help with some things."

- 4th year university student with ASD

Key Takeaways

- Accommodations offered at universities are not tailored to the needs of students with ASD.
- Professors had a limited understanding of the needs of students with ASD.
- Professors found the information available on supporting students with ASD to be overwhelming.

Other Resources

- College Autism Network's Virtual Association of Scholars (CANVAS)
- CAN Fast Fact #8: Why Accommodations Don't Always Work

Action Items

Colleges and universities need to:

- **Identify more suitable accommodations for students with ASD**
- **Provide disability and autism-specific trainings for faculty and staff**

Source

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