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Supplementary Tables

Table 1. Environment Safety and Security. Instructions given to Participants. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statements below. These statements are focused on how you feel about your child's safety and security in particular public areas over the past 3 months. You can place an 'V' in the appropriate box to indicate your choice. *Environmental hazards include, traffic, dangerous materials, outdoor areas where a child could easily run away/get lost, inappropriate contact with others.*

Percentage Scores on Individual Items for Environmental Hazards Scales (7-point scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree)

	Item	%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	I am confident that my child with autism is secure from environmental hazards when we go on walks	With Dog Wait List	22.5 48.8	12.5 23.8	6.3 8.3	5.0 9.5	16.3 3.6	20.0 4.8	17.5 1.2
2	I am sure that my child with autism is secure from environmental hazards when we visit a park	With Dog Wait List	18.8 29.8	15.0 31.0	10.0 15.5	12.5 10.7	15.0 4.8	18.8 6.0	10.0 2.4
3	I am certain that my child with autism is secure from environmental hazards when we visit friends	With Dog Wait List	22.5 19.0	12.5 23.8	20.0 27.4	13.8 6.0	8.8 10.7	10.0 9.5	12.5 3.6
4	I am confident that my child with autism is secure from environmental hazards when we travel in a car	With Dog Wait List	6.3 11.9	7.5 13.1	16.3 19.0	7.5 10.7	20.0 11.9	22.5 17.9	20.0 15.5
5	I am convinced that my child with autism is safe from environmental hazards in our home	With Dog Wait List	2.5 4.8	6.3 9.5	7.5 16.7	6.3 13.1	11.3 25.9	40 15.5	26.3 15.5
6	I am sure that my child with autism is safe from environmental hazards in a shopping centre	With Dog Wait List	25.6 46.4	11.5 25.0	12.8 10.7	12.8 6.0	17.9 8.3	9.0 2.4	10.3 1.2
7	I am confident that my child with autism is safe from environmental hazards in a restaurant	With Dog Wait List	21.8 38.1	17.9 22.6	11.5 17.9	9.0 10.7	16.7 8.3	14.1 2.4	9.0 0
8	In general I feel calm that my child with autism is safe from environmental hazards	With Dog Wait List	19.2 46.4	16.7 21.4	12.8 15.5	12.8 3.6	10.3 2.4	15.4 8.3	12.8 2.4

Table 2. Public Perception. Instructions given to Participants. These statements are focused on how you rate the public's perception of your child over the past 3 months. Please note: To 'make allowances' means that people react responsibly and respectfully towards you and your child when you are out in public.

Percentage Scores on Individual Items for Public Perception Scales (7-point scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree)

	Item	%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	I feel confident that people make allowances for my child with autism when we are in a shopping area	With Dog Wait List	10.3 26.5	14.1 28.9	16.7 18.1	17.9 15.7	10.3 8.4	15.4 2.4	15.4 0
2	I am sure that people make allowances for my child with autism when we are in a restaurant	With Dog Wait List	12.8 38.1	19.2 29.8	17.9 10.7	17.9 11.9	5.1 6.0	14.1 3.6	12.8 0
3	I am certain that people make allowances for my child with autism when we are in a park	With Dog Wait List	17.9 20.2	9.0 21.4	20.5 26.2	17.9 10.7	12.8 11.9	11.5 6.0	10.3 3.6
4	I am sure that people make allowances for my child with autism when we are out walking	With Dog Wait List	10.0 19.3	11.3 28.9	13.8 14.5	17.5 19.3	15.0 8.4	17.5 8.4	15.0 1.2

Table 3. Perceived Competence. Instructions given to participants. Please respond to each of the following items in terms of how true they are for you with respect to being a parent of a child with autism. You can circle the number which represents how true you feel each statement is.

Percentage Scores on Individual Items for Perceived Competence Scales (7-point scale from 'not at all true' to 'very true')

	Item		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	I feel confident in my abilities to manage my child with autism	With Dog Wait List	1.3 1.2	2.5 7.1	6.3 16.7	18.8 26.2	35.0 26.2	27.5 14.3	8.8 8.3
2	I am capable of dealing with my child with autism	With Dog Wait List	1.3 1.2	2.5 4.8	5.0 14.3	15.0 22.6	25.0 28.6	38.8 17.9	12.5 10.7
3	I am able to do my own routine caring for my child with autism	With Dog Wait List	2.5 8.3	7.5 10.7	10.0 13.1	23.8 21.4	18.8 20.2	27.5 11.9	10.0 14.3
4	I am able to meet the challenges of being a parent of a child with autism	With Dog Wait List	2.5 6.0	3.8 4.8	11.3 21.4	17.5 10.7	31.3 26.2	30.0 20.2	3.8 10.7