

Overview of Project Content in Strategic Plan Question 6 (2010-2012)

Question 6: Services – 2010 Total Funding: \$6,643,124

Please note that the following data are not yet finalized:

Question 6: Services – 2011 Total Funding: \$4,897,920

Question 6: Services – 2012 Total Funding: \$3,859,177

Because Question 6 only contained 34 projects in 2010, 35 projects in 2011, and 34 projects in 2012, and individual projects often covered multiple related topics, it was difficult to generate distinct subcategories for the research. This question addresses issues across the ASD lifespan, including the transition into adulthood and adult services, which includes job search skills and vocational training. Social skills training to help people with ASD interact successfully with others in the workplace and in the community was also a common feature among projects. Many of the projects integrated training and services related to all of the above areas, which did not allow them to be easily separated into distinct subcategories. Beyond those service areas, one project in Question 6 addressed adult diagnosis, and notably, a few studies involving treatments for adults were categorized within Question 4 (Treatments and Interventions) of the *Strategic Plan*. Although the 2010 portfolio of research on the lifespan of people with ASD was too narrow to divide into subcategories, this will likely change over time as the research field grows, and subcategories that encapsulate the scope of projects in this question may be defined in the future.