

## **What is the prognosis for someone with an autism spectrum disorder?**

Each individual with an ASD diagnosis is different, but all have positive characteristics that can be used to advantage. For example, most people on the spectrum are typically very honest and they rarely show bias or prejudice. Some have an excellent memory for details and facts and may have original problem-solving strategies. Many are extremely hard-working, loyal, and dependable. While some individuals with ASDs will have a job and even graduate from college, others will need intensive life-time care. Services for adult individuals on the spectrum and their families, while not as widely available as they need to be, are growing in number. They include social coaching, job training, and accommodated living arrangements in regular communities.