



Research Findings: SLPs and AAC in Georgia

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National Research

Survey (2011) conducted by ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association):

- Discover attitudes of SLPs toward AT and AAC
- Assess use of AT and AAC in treatment
- Help develop strategy for improving competencies within the profession.



Background: Local Survey

Collaboration between:

- Georgia Tools for Life/AMAC at GA Tech
- UGA Speech & Hearing Clinic

Purpose:

- To discover the “state of the practice” in GA with regard to AAC.

Participants

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

TOOLS FOR LIFE / AMAC @ GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ALONG WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SPEECH & HEARING CLINIC

Invite you to take part in

A Survey of the State of the Practice:

Involvement in AAC Among Speech Pathologists in Georgia

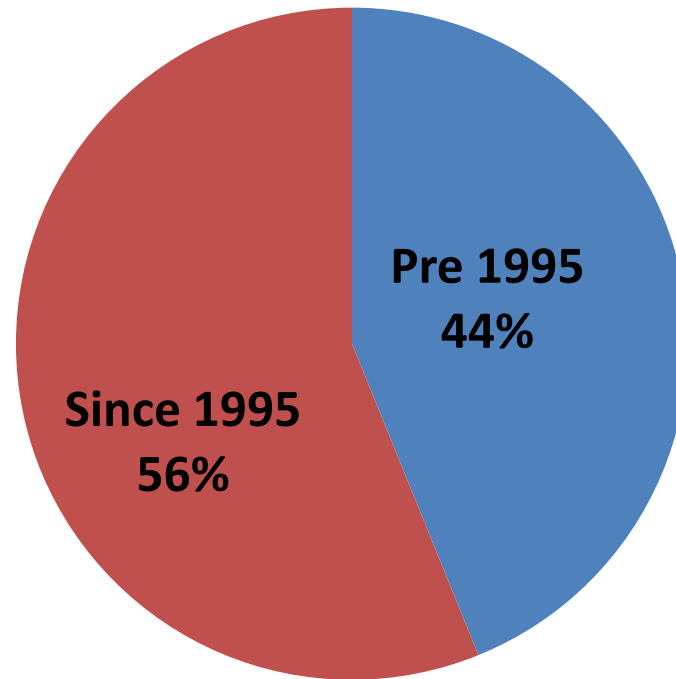
Please go to this site to take the survey:
<http://tinyurl.com/AACSLP>



- There were 117 survey respondents.
- All were Speech-Language Pathologists in Georgia.
- Names and addresses were obtained from the State Licensure Board.
- Invitations were sent to 3780 SLPs listed on the state board roll.
- Participants were invited to answer 28 questions on Survey Monkey.
- Most questions were 5-point Likert survey questions (1-low, 5-high)
- Some questions involved ranking factors according to perceived influence.
- Opportunity for comment was provided following most questions

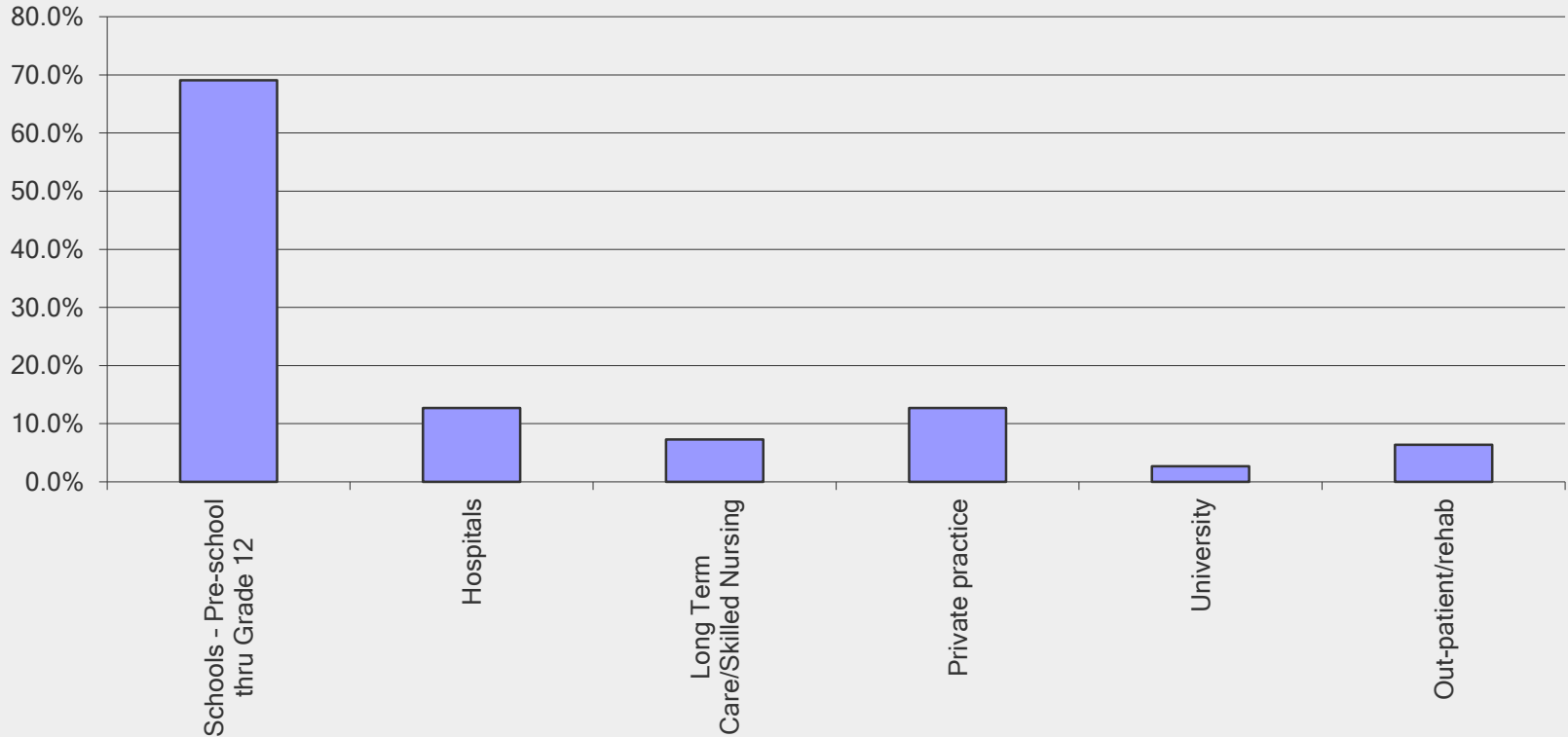
Experience

Year of Graduate Degree

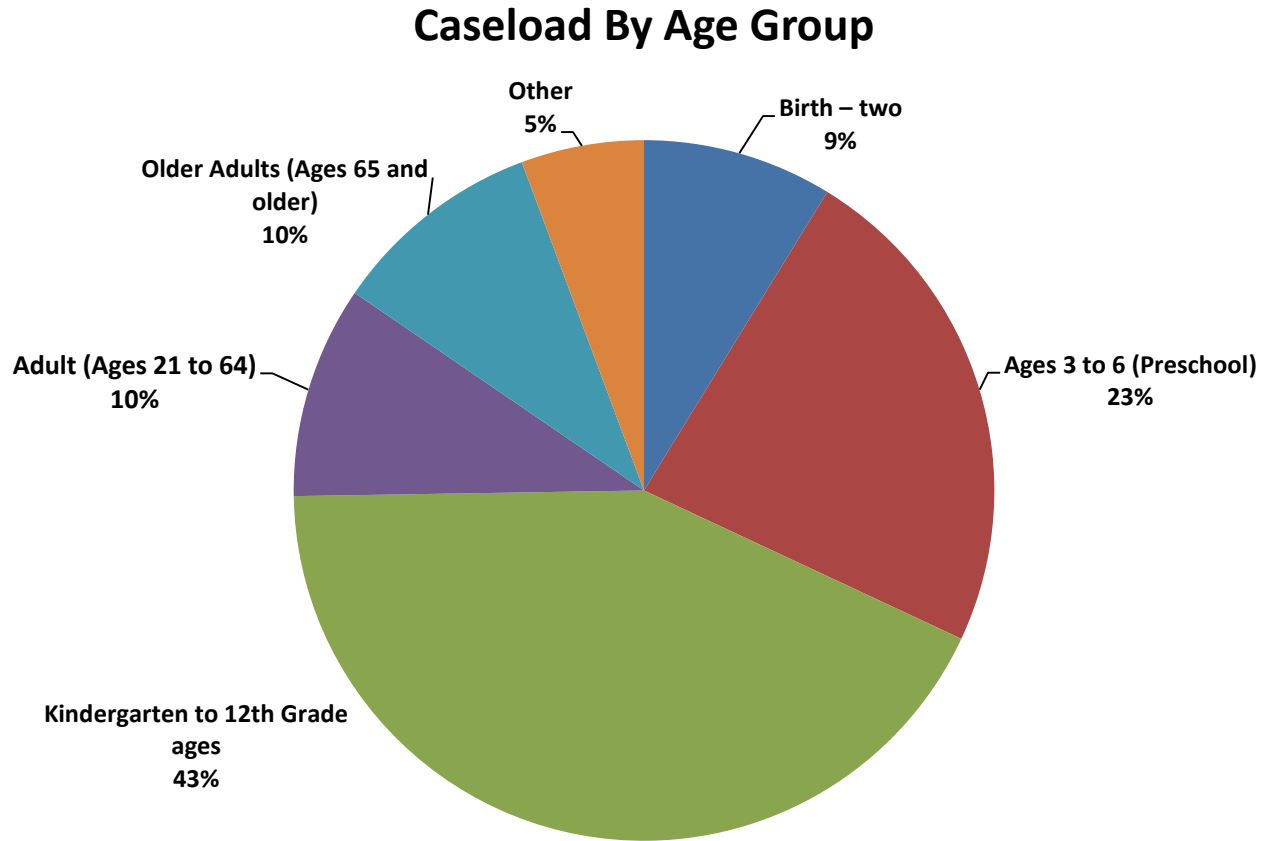


Primary Practice Setting

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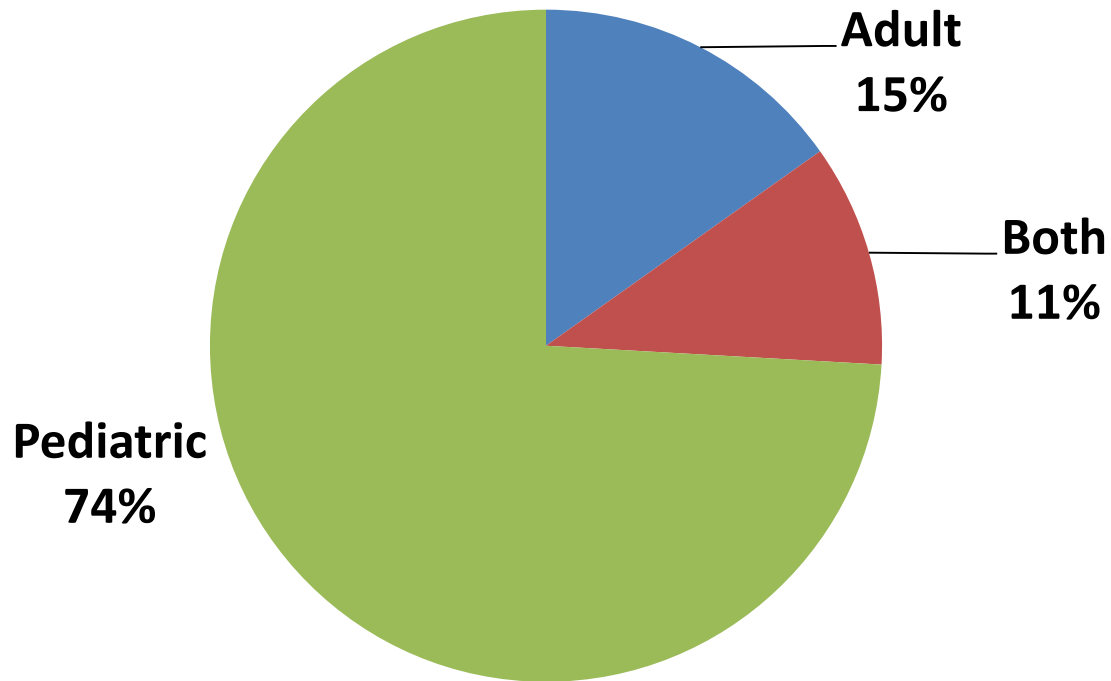


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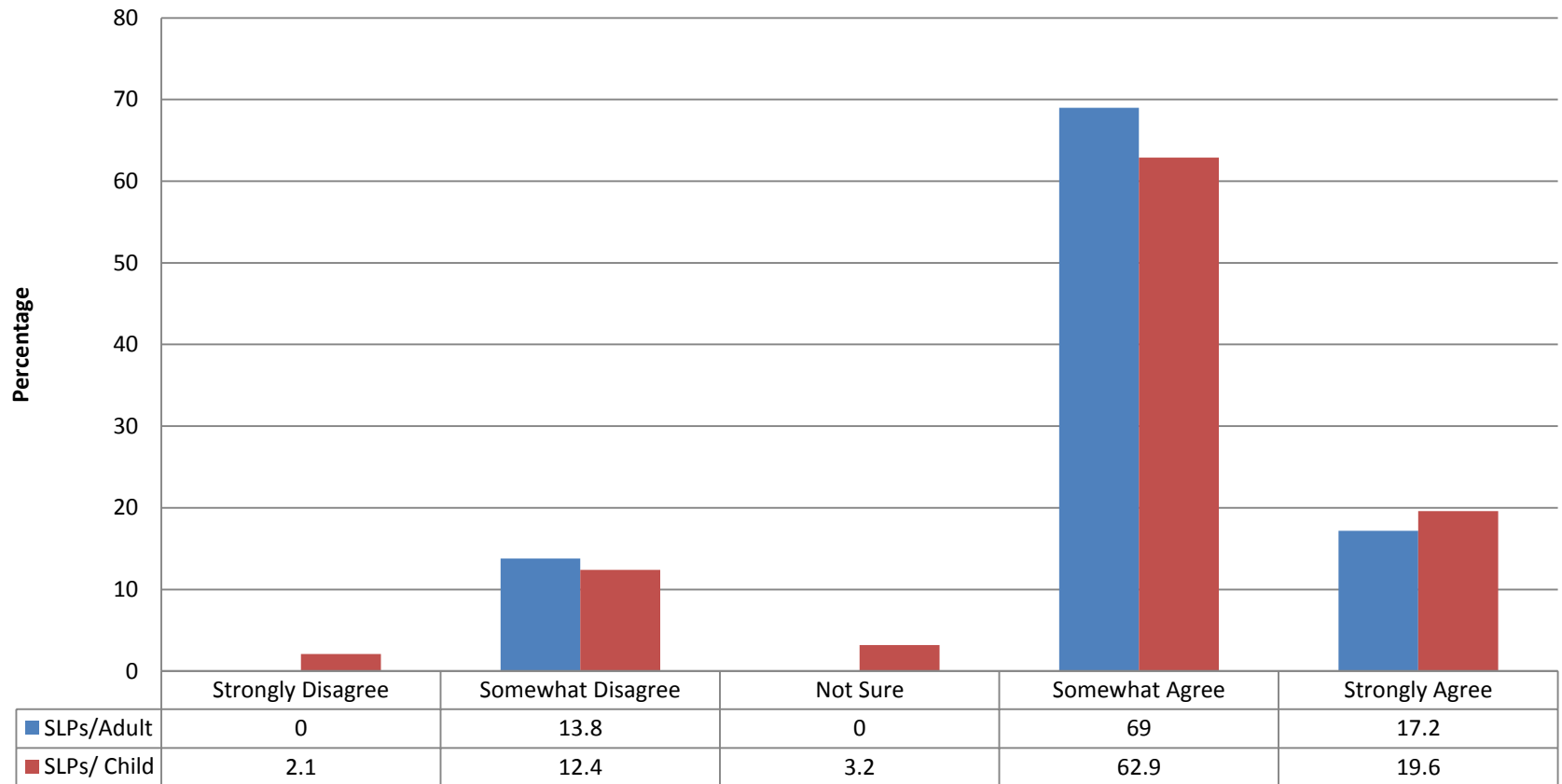


Findings

- SLPs in Georgia are very interested in AT and AAC

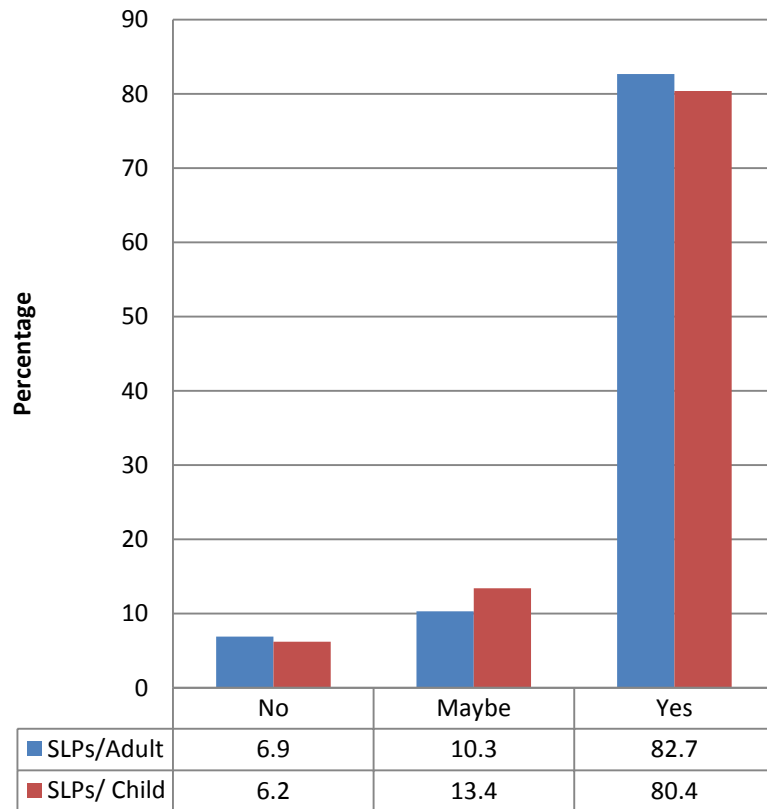
Familiarity with AAC Systems

I Am Familiar with AAC Systems...

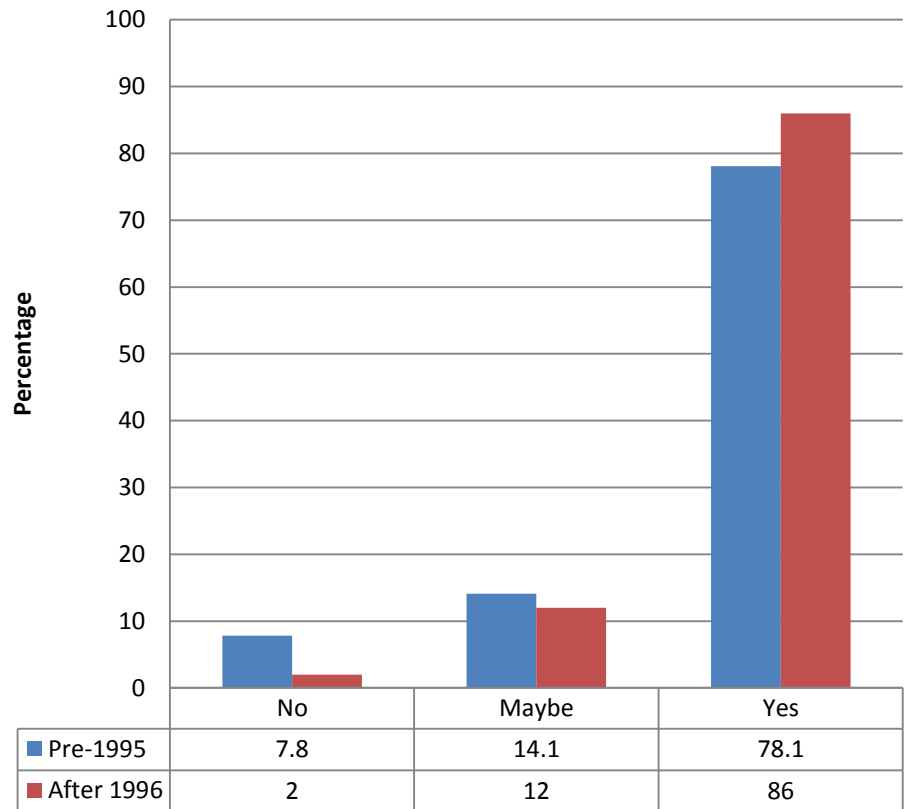


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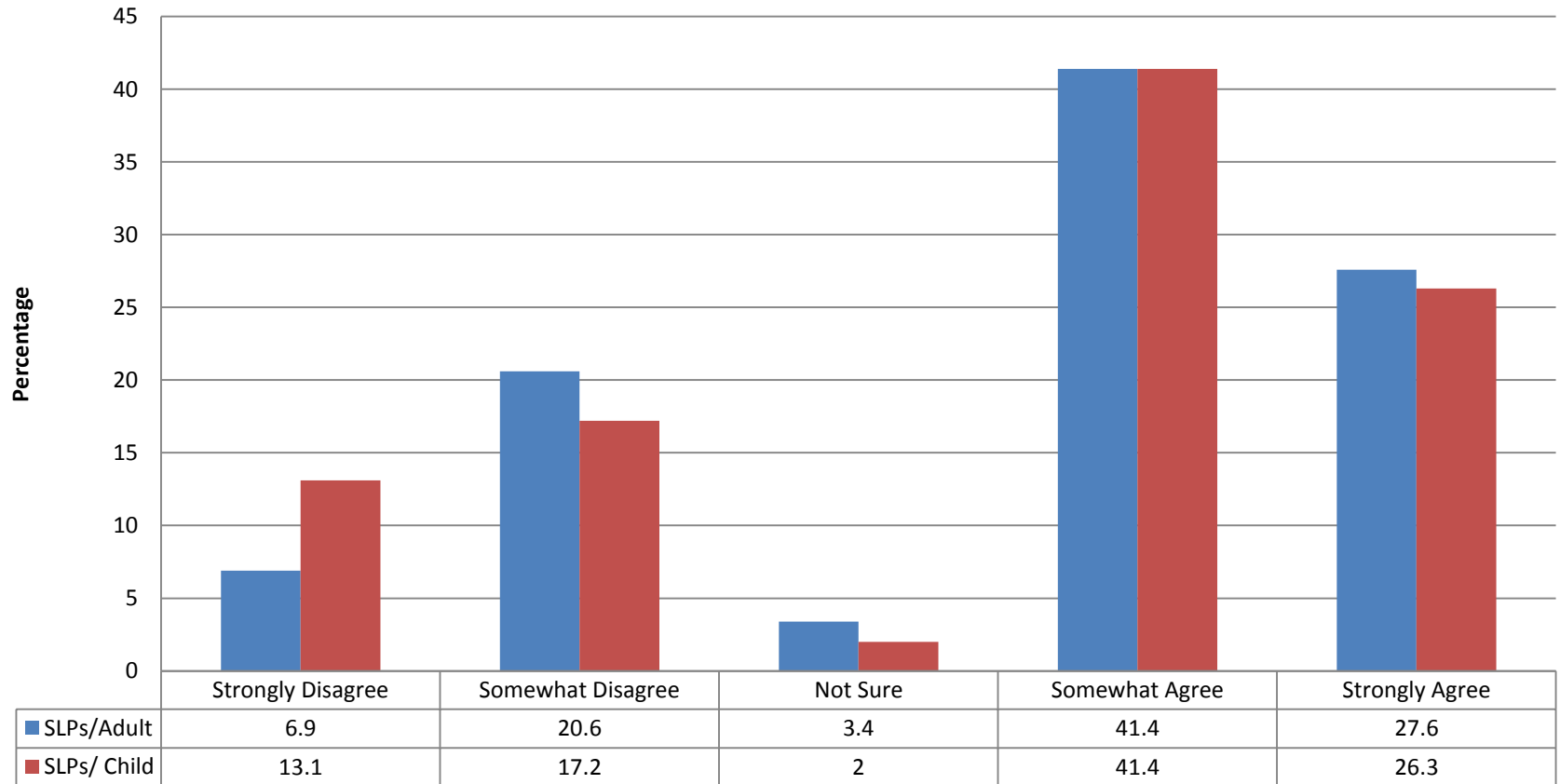


I would like to know more about AT devices and services (by experience)



Tablets, iPads, and Apps

I need to learn more about how to use tablets (iPad, etc.) and apps in my clinical practice



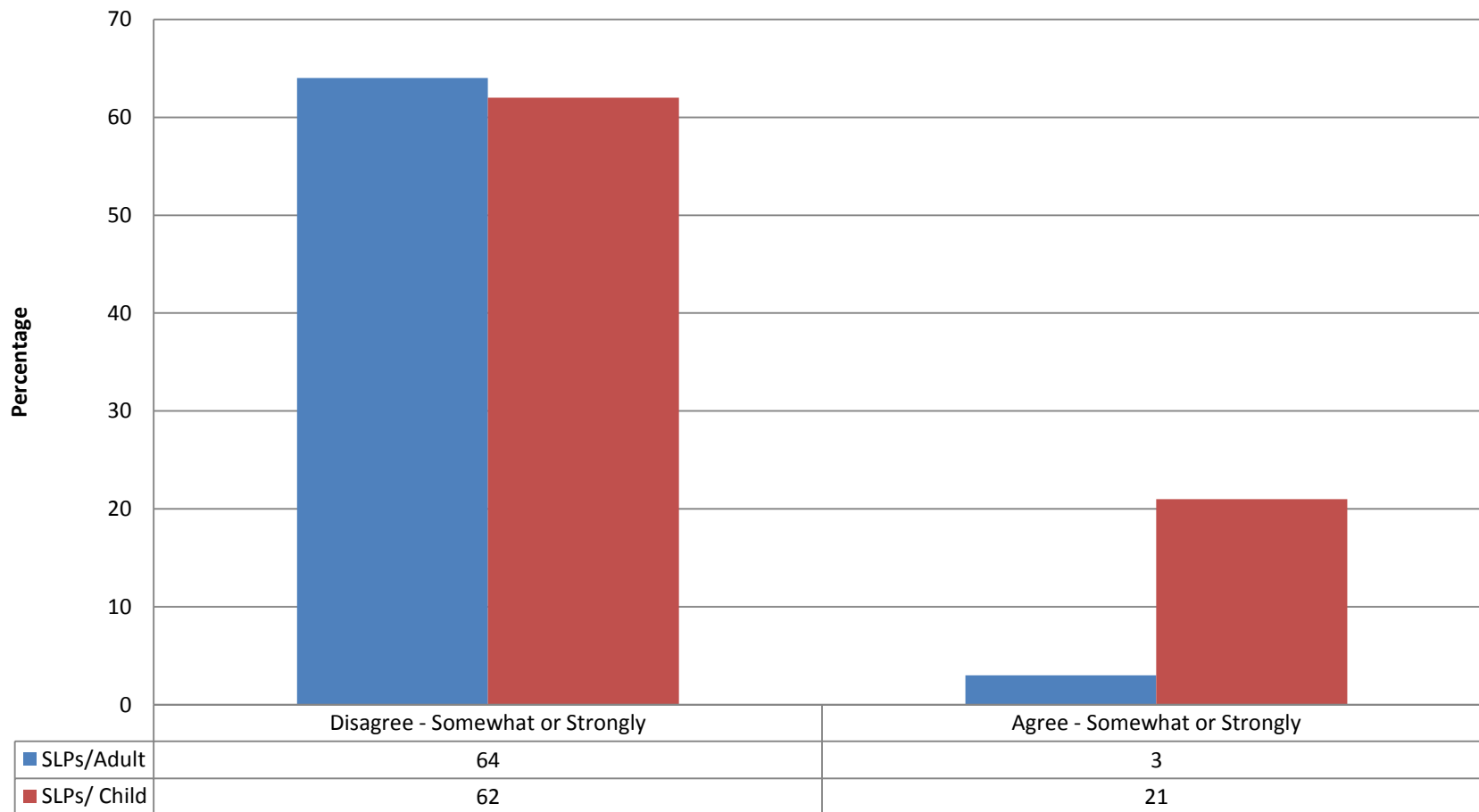


Findings

- There are not enough SLPs who are competent in AT and AAC to meet client demand.

There Enough SLPs with AAC Knowledge...

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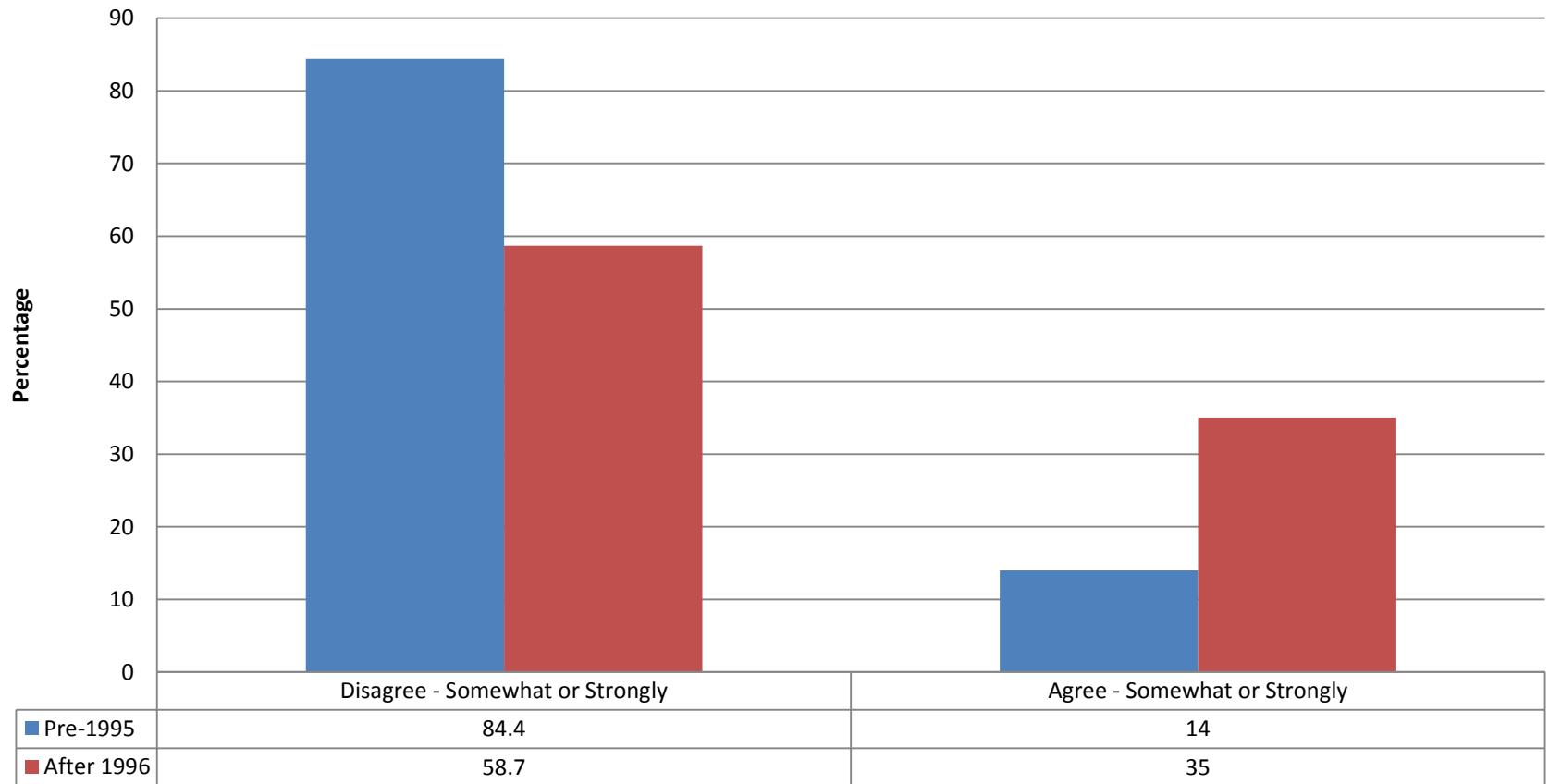
Findings

- SLPs in Georgia do not feel they have received adequate education in AT and AAC.



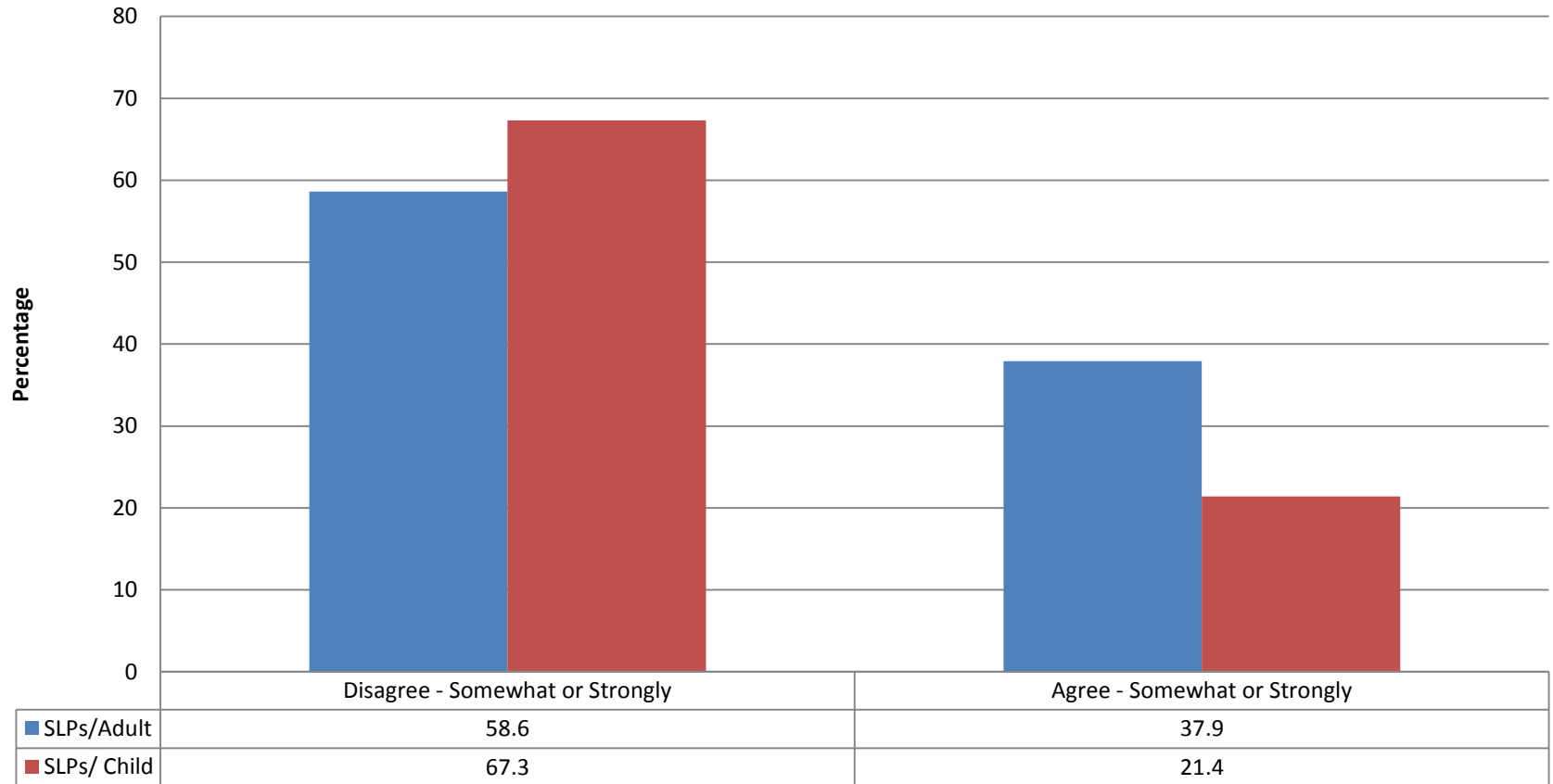
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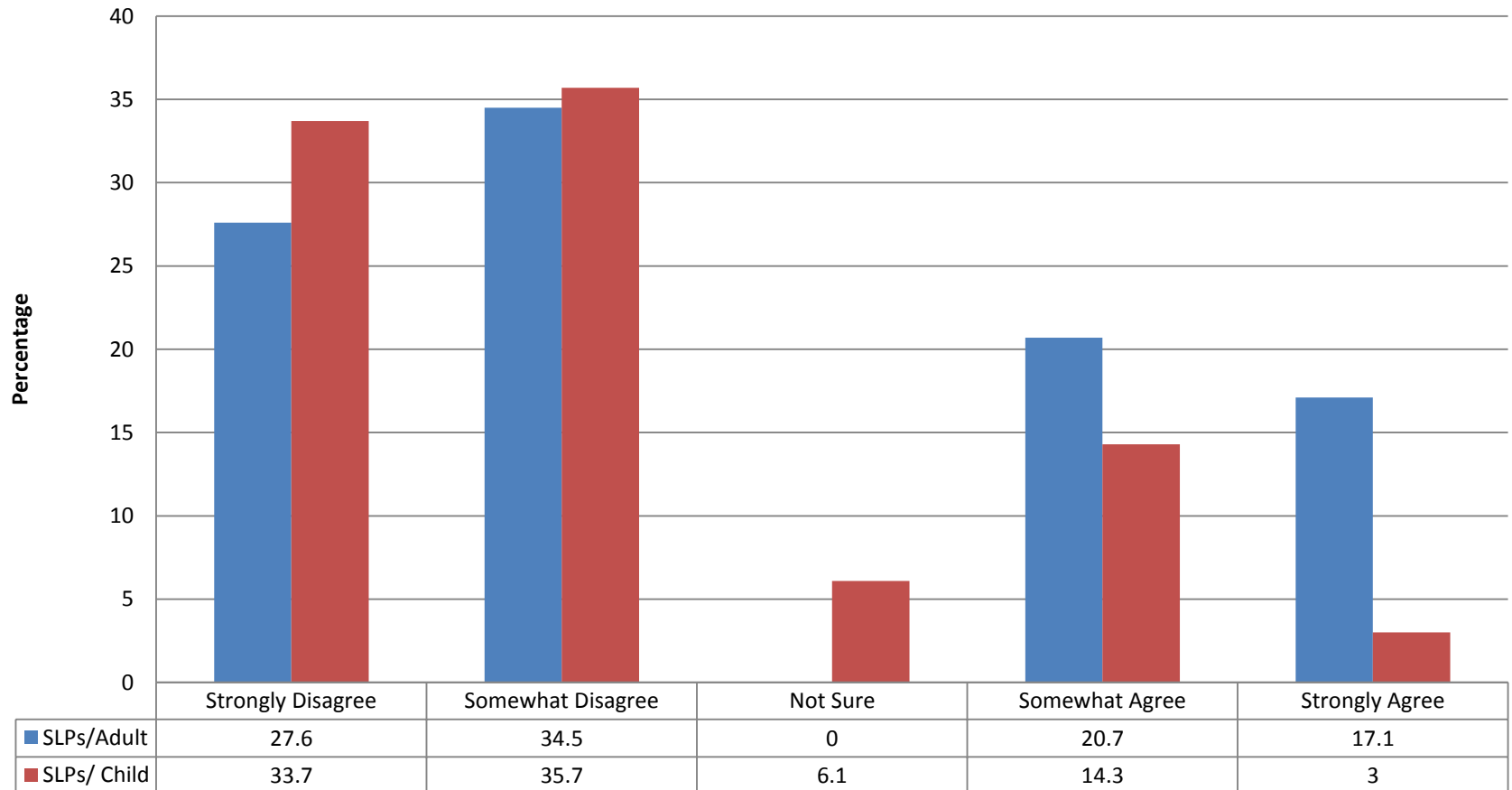
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Preparation in AT

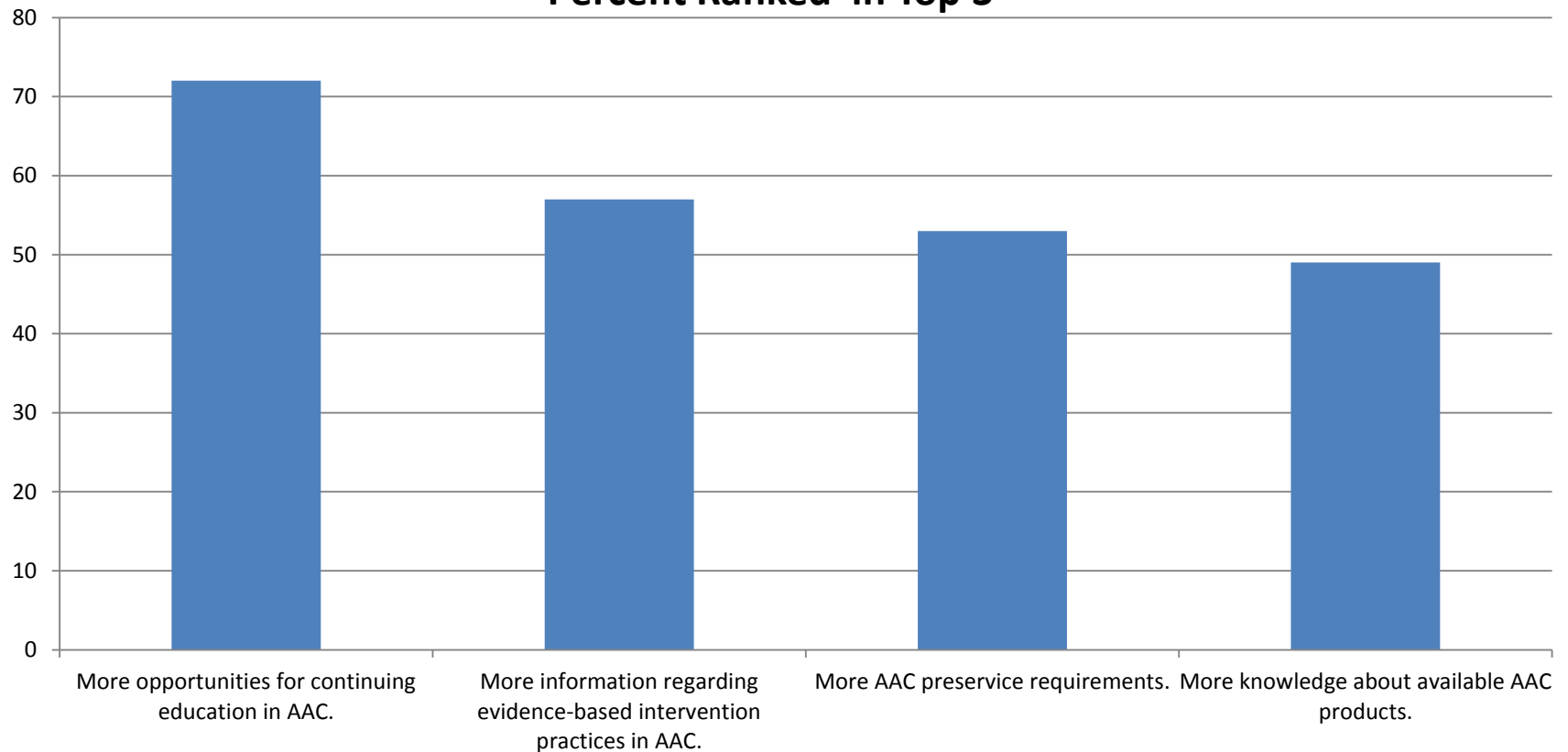
I had adequate preparation in AT (beyond AAC) in my undergraduate and/or graduate program.





Factors That Would Increase Availability of SLPs with AAC Skills

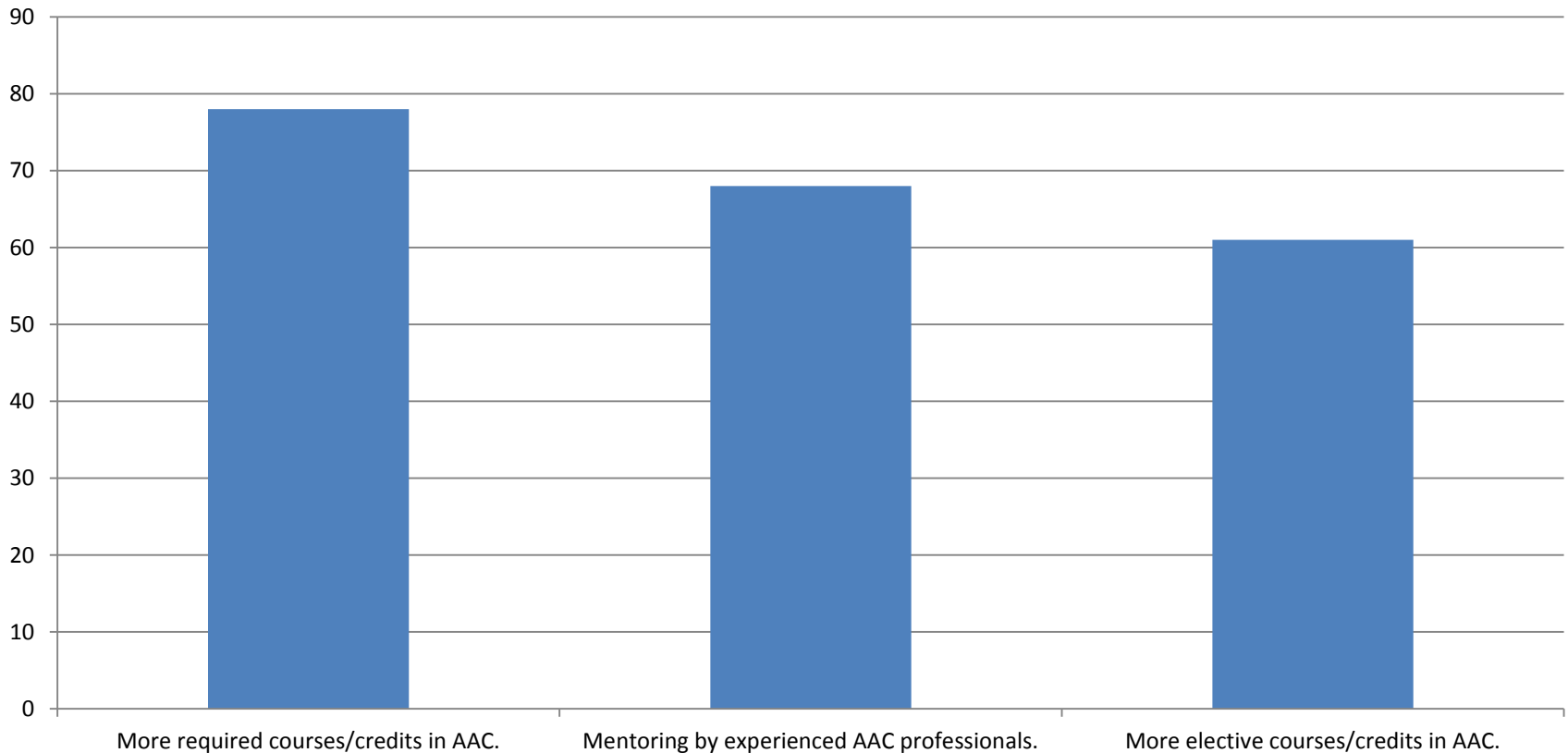
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Most Important Factors in Pre-service Ed. that Would Result in More SLPs Practicing AAC Effectively?

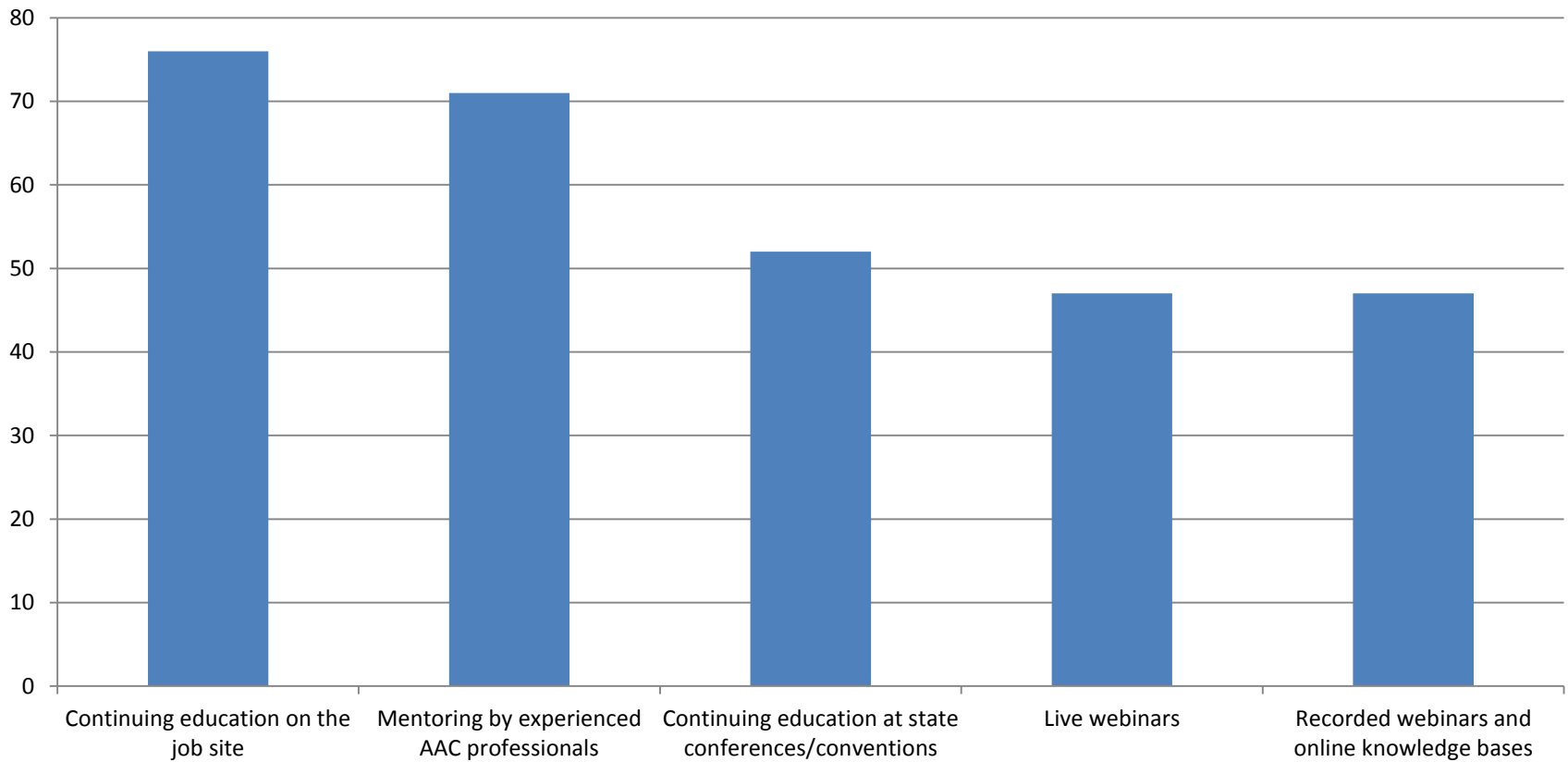
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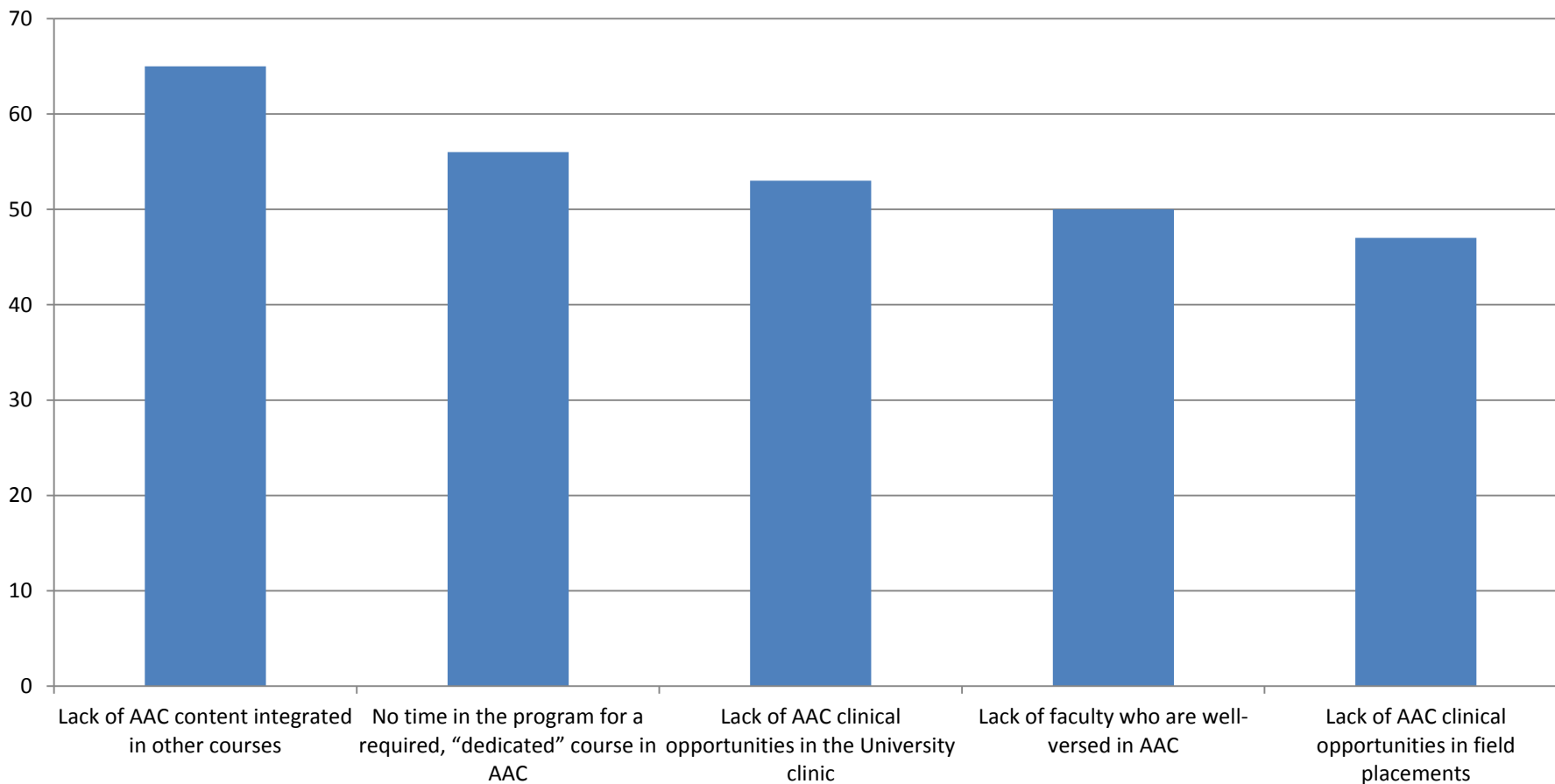
Factors that Would Enable SLPs to Become More Knowledgeable About AAC

Percent Ranked in Top 3



Top Barriers to Increased Preparation for AAC

Ranked in Top 3



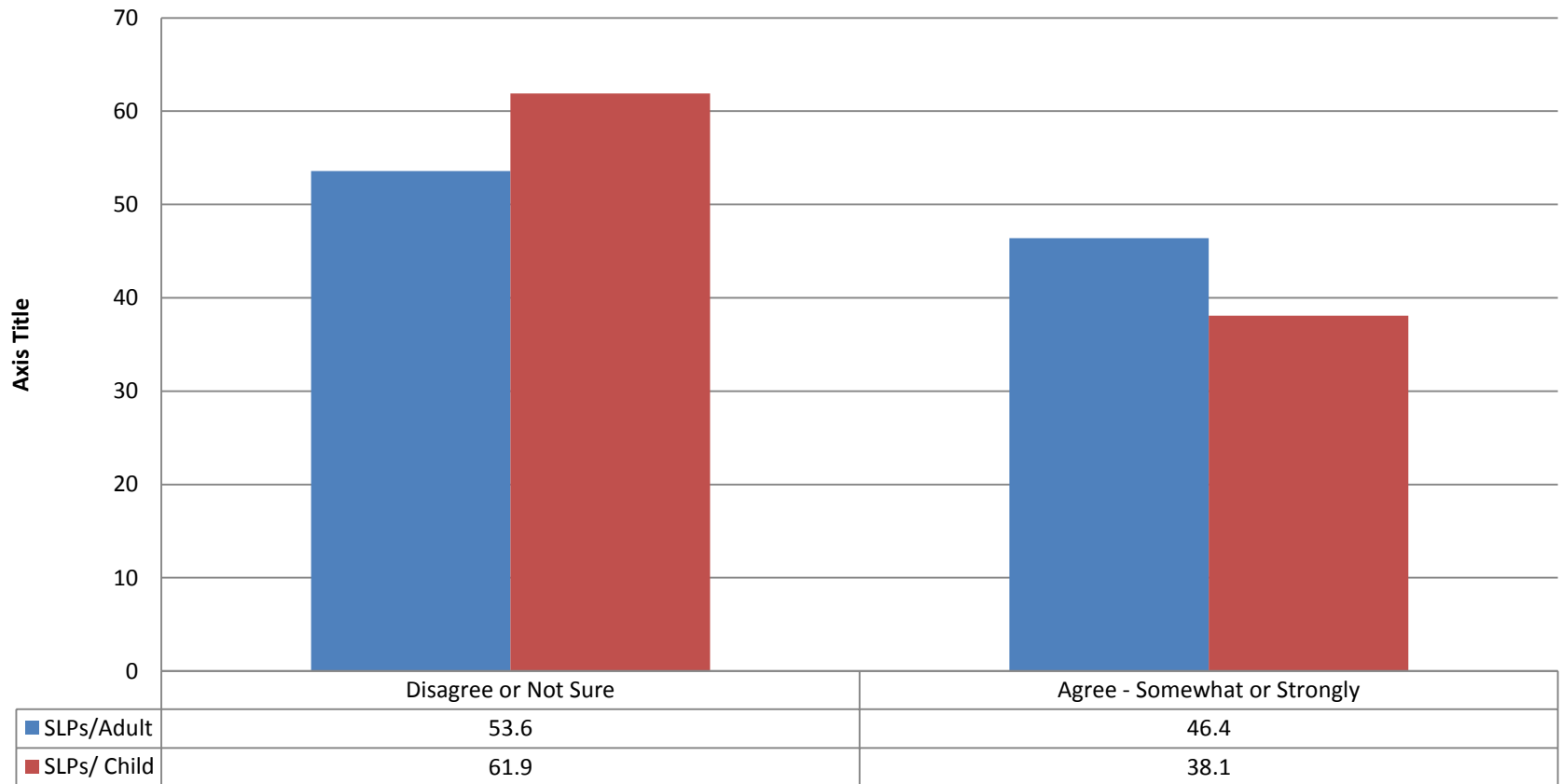


Findings

- SLPs point to a lack of consistency in SLP delivery of AT and AAC services

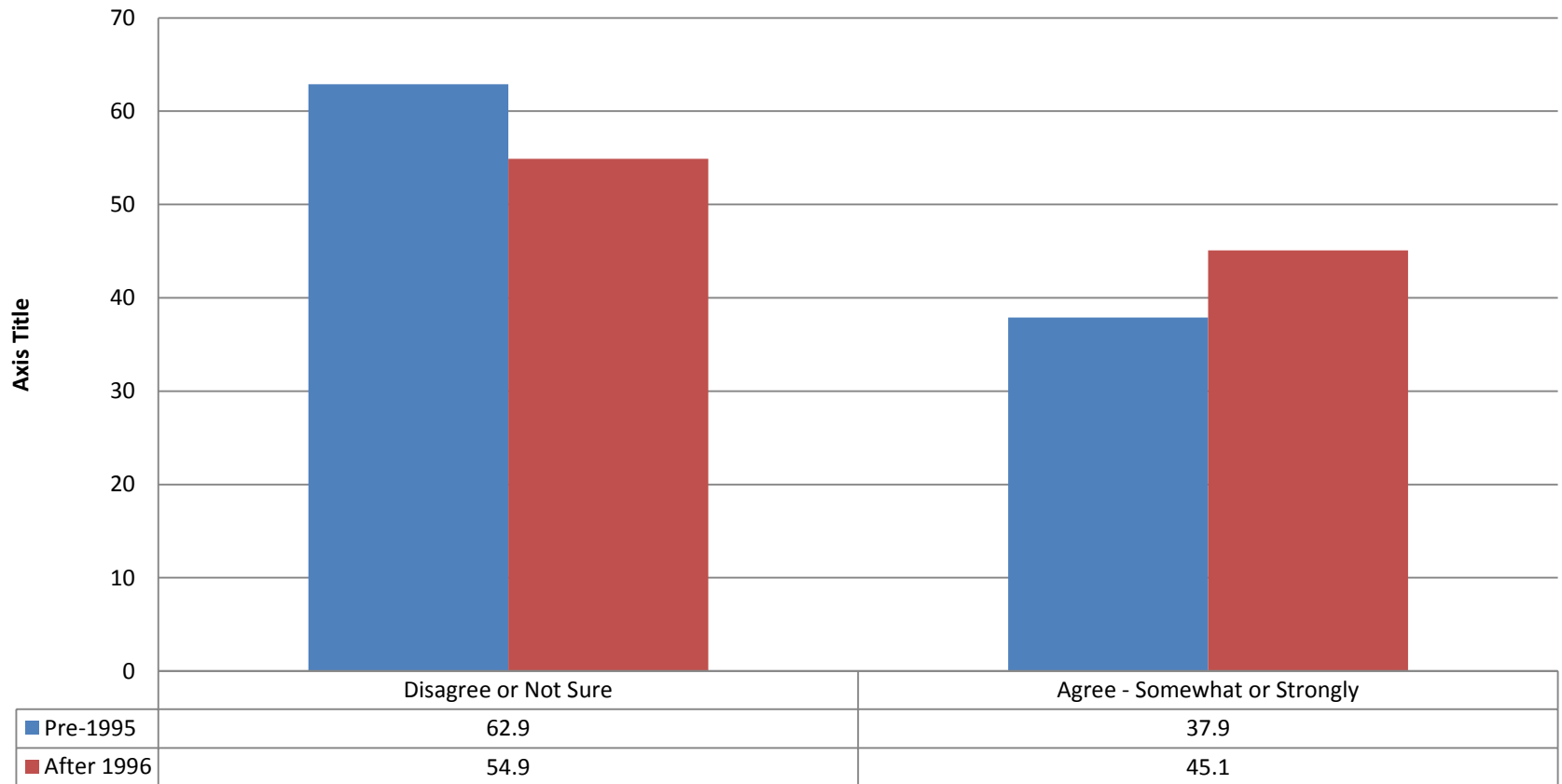
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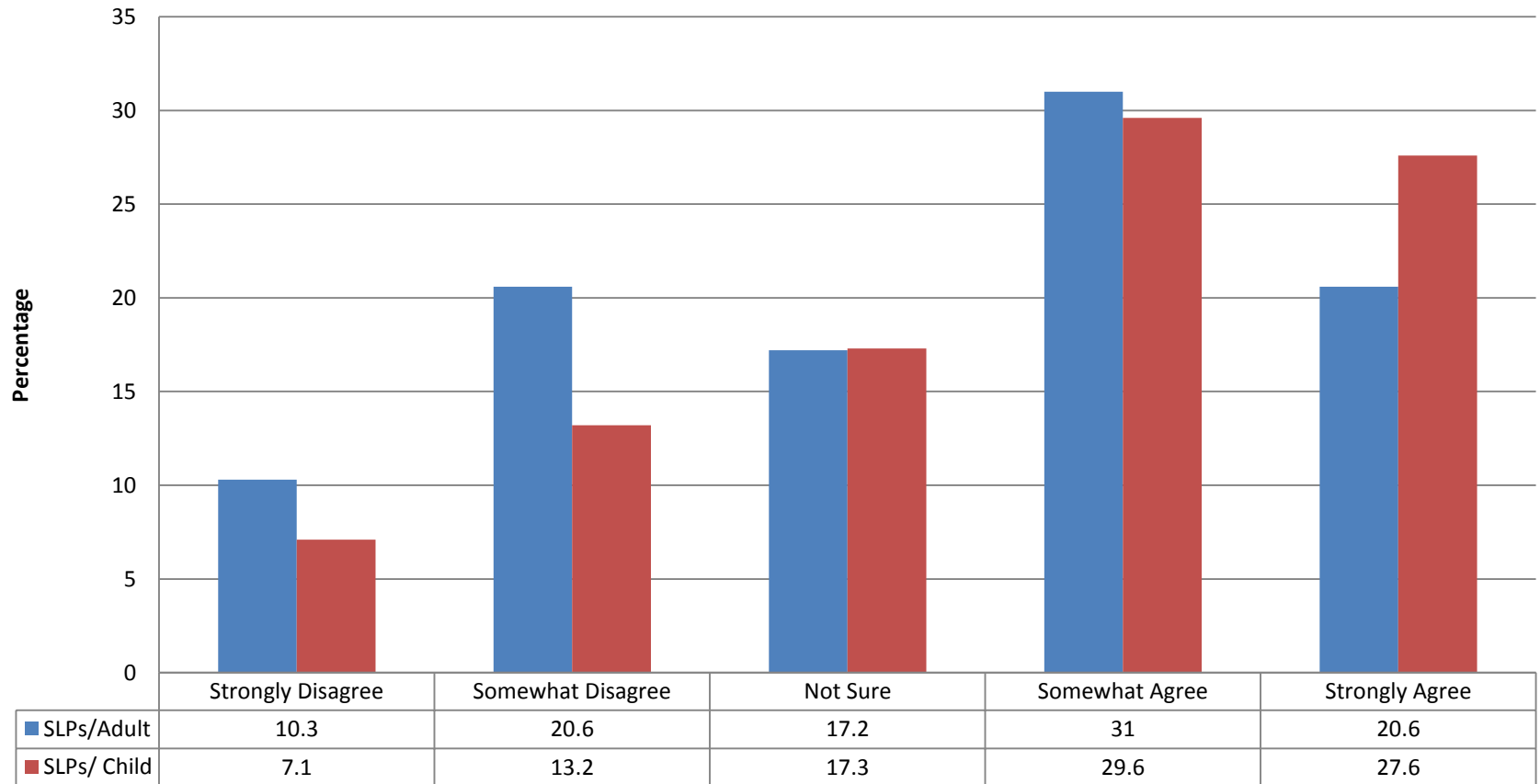
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SLPs Familiar with Definitions of AT

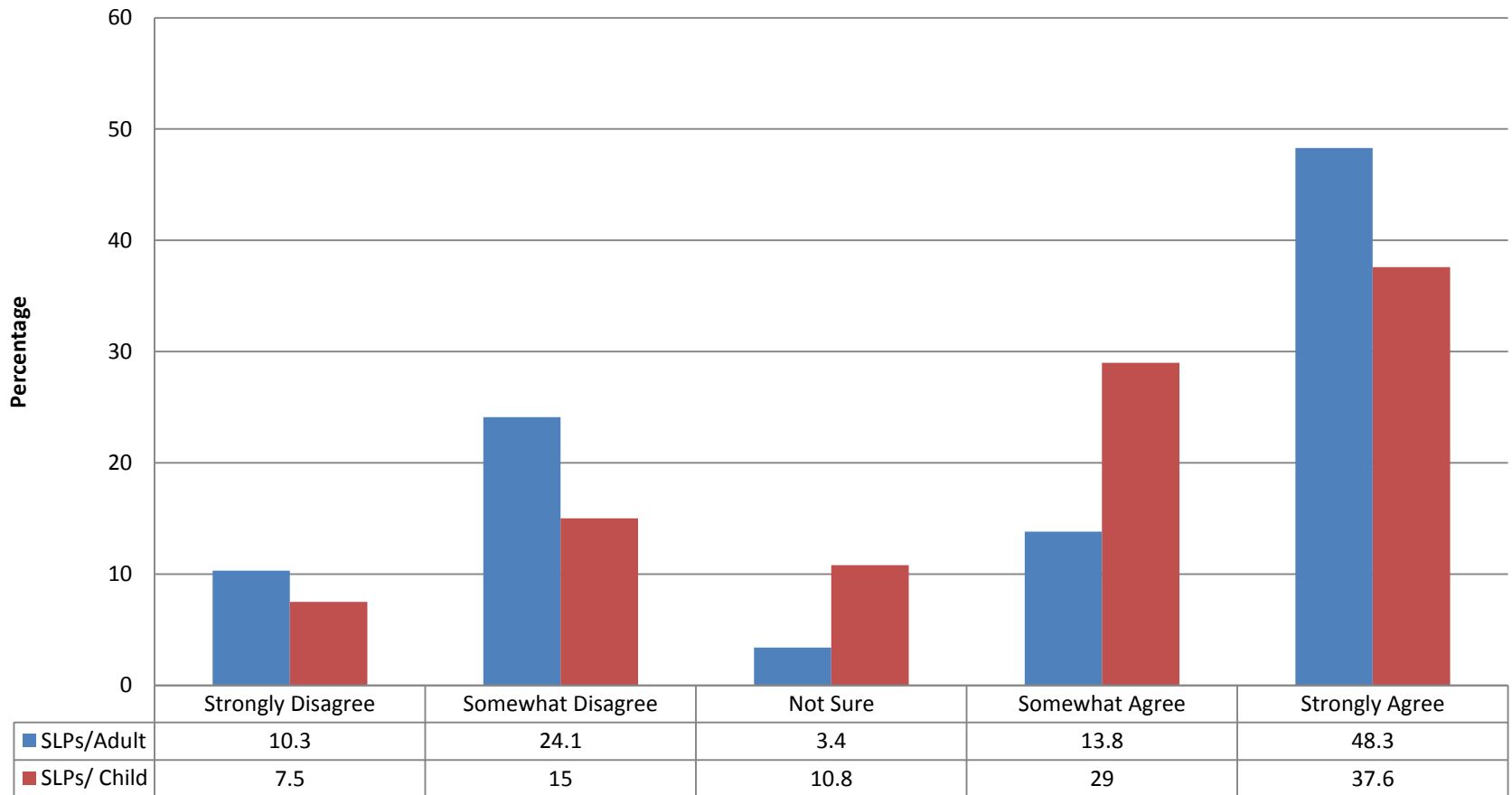
Respondents familiar with the IDEA 2004 definition of AT Devices & Services





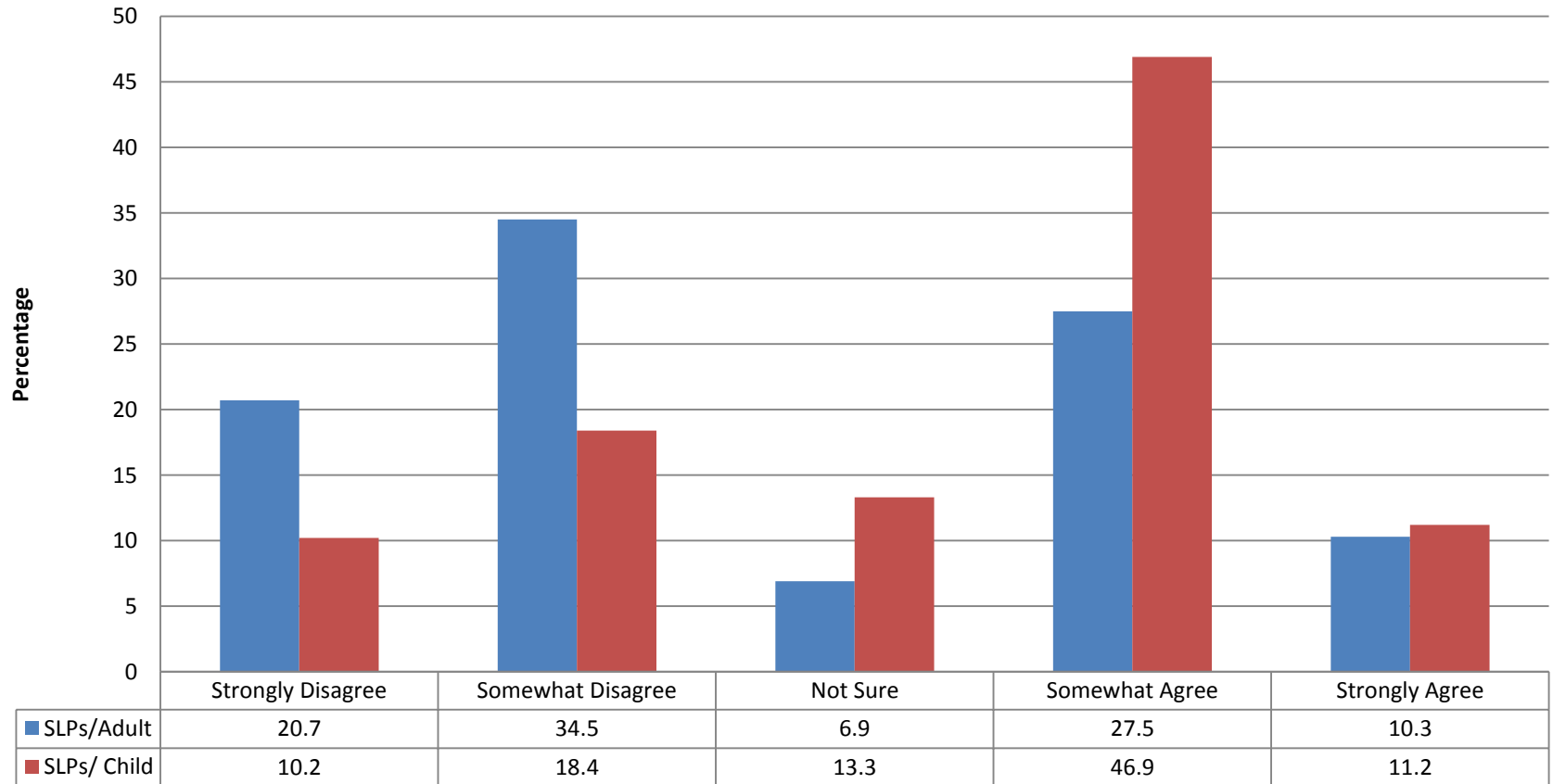
Accessibility Awareness

I am familiar with the requirements that all (not just blind) students who have print disabilities must have access to print instructional materials in an accessible format, free of charge.



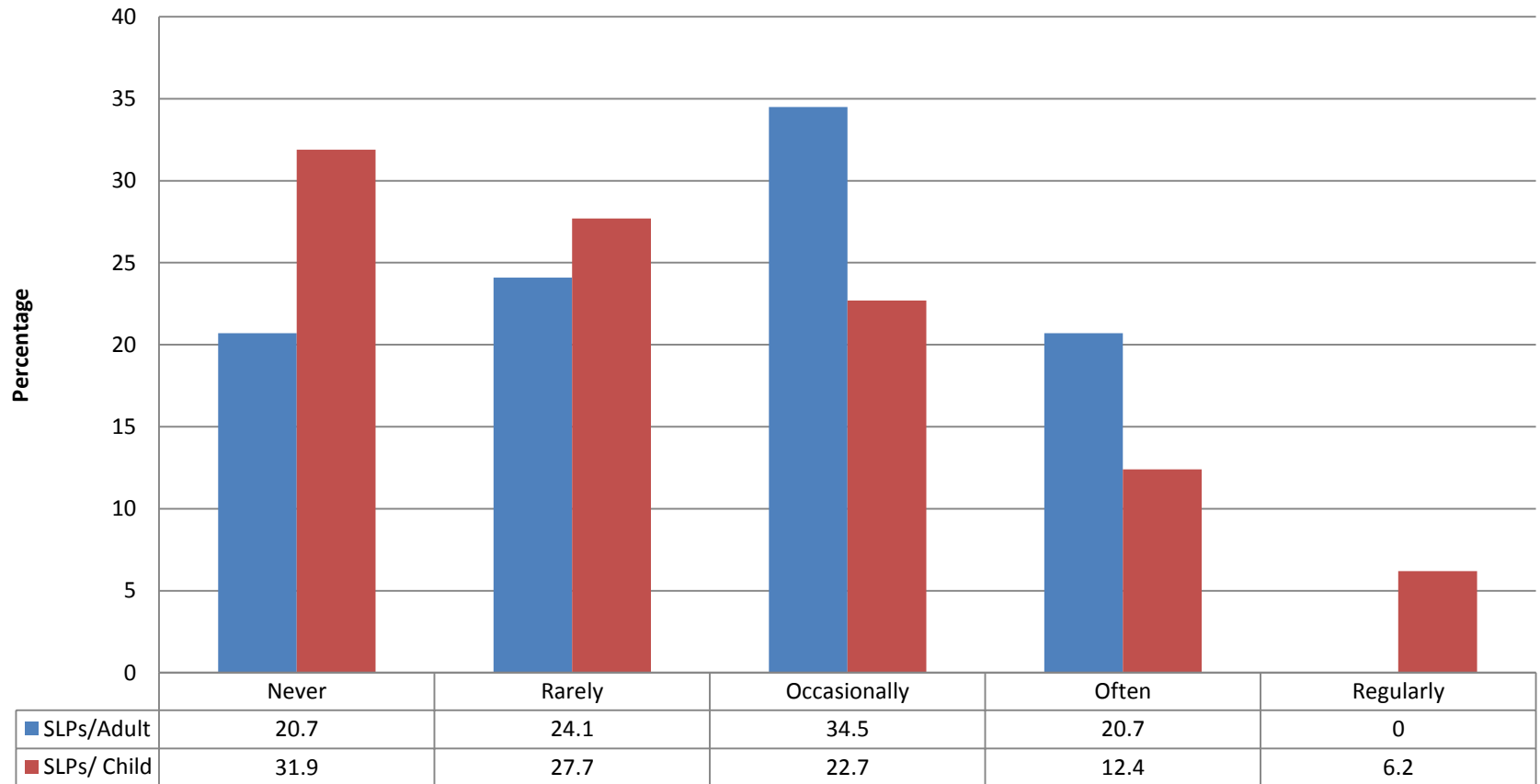
Adapting Curriculum

I am familiar with AT tools for adapting curriculum.



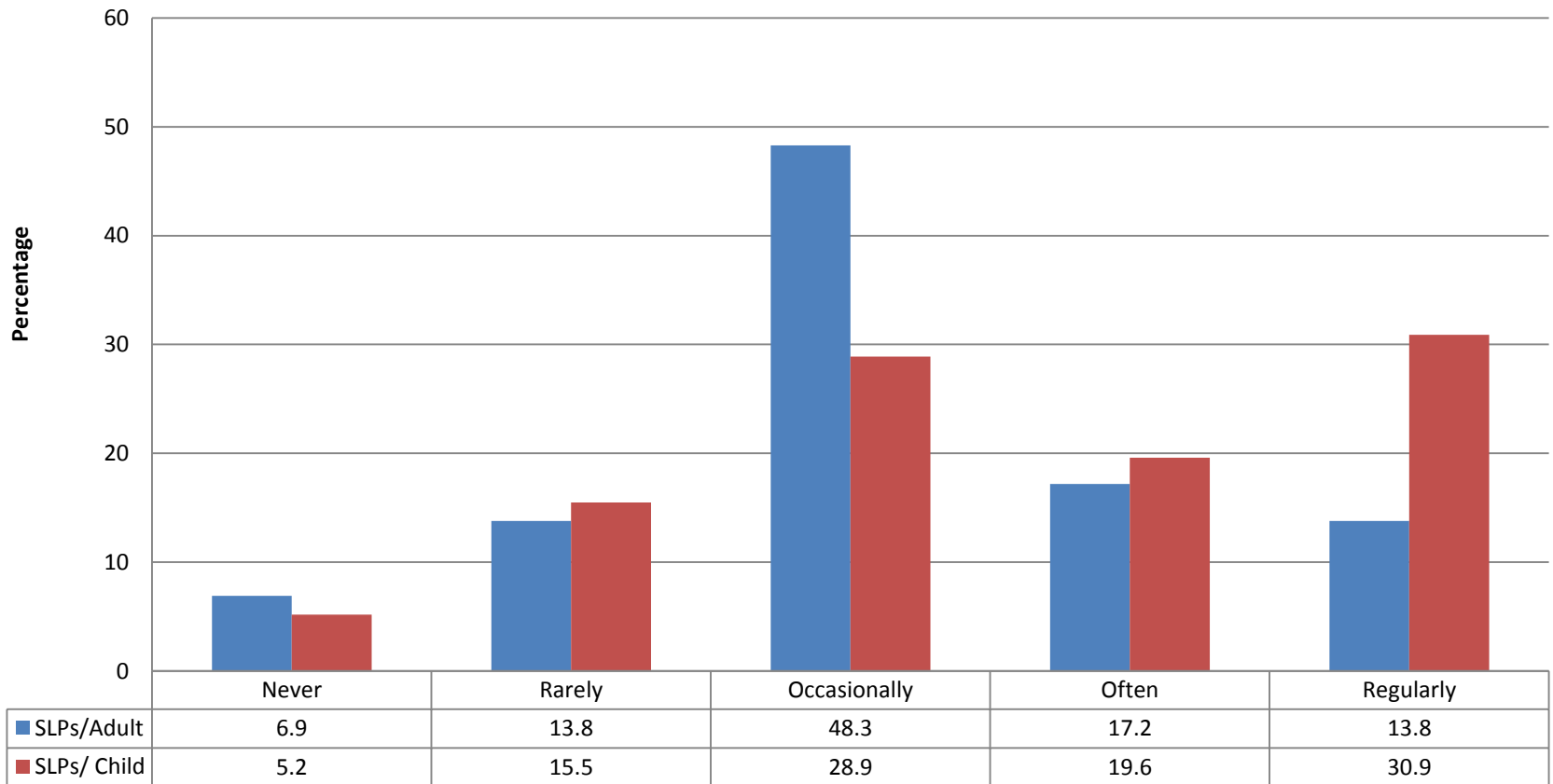
Conducting AAC Evals

I conduct AAC evaluations:



Providing AAC Therapy

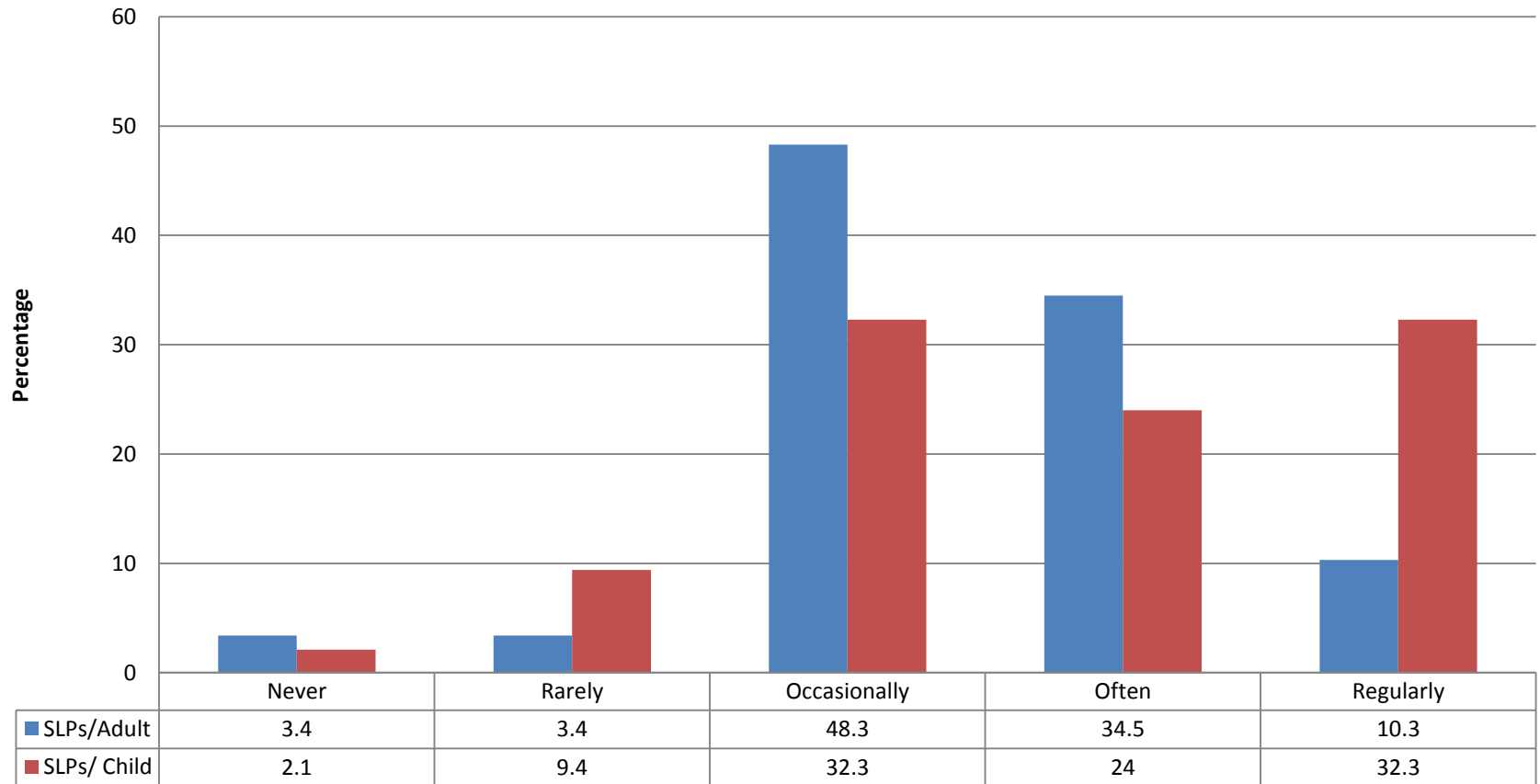
I provide therapy that involves AAC





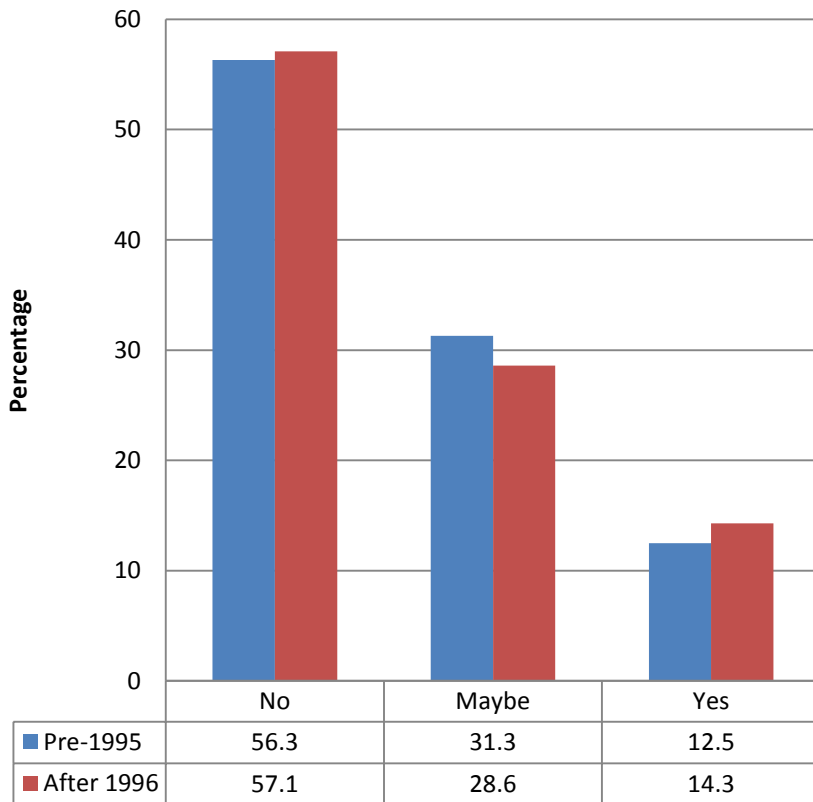
Potential Candidates for AAC

I see clients who might be candidates for AAC:

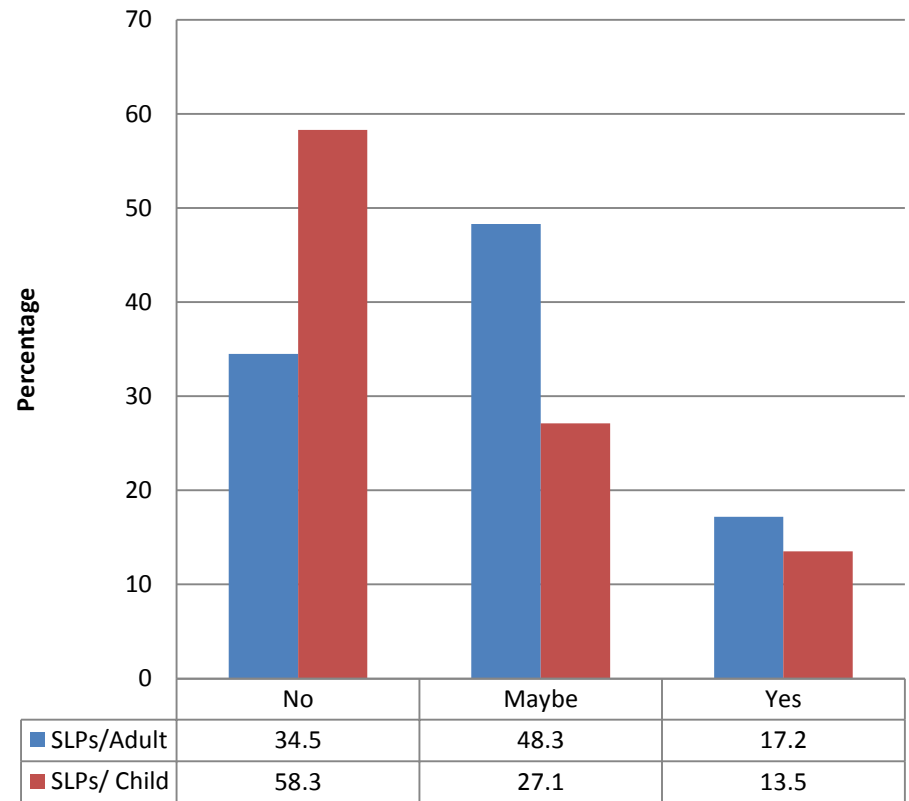


Being a Mentor for AAC

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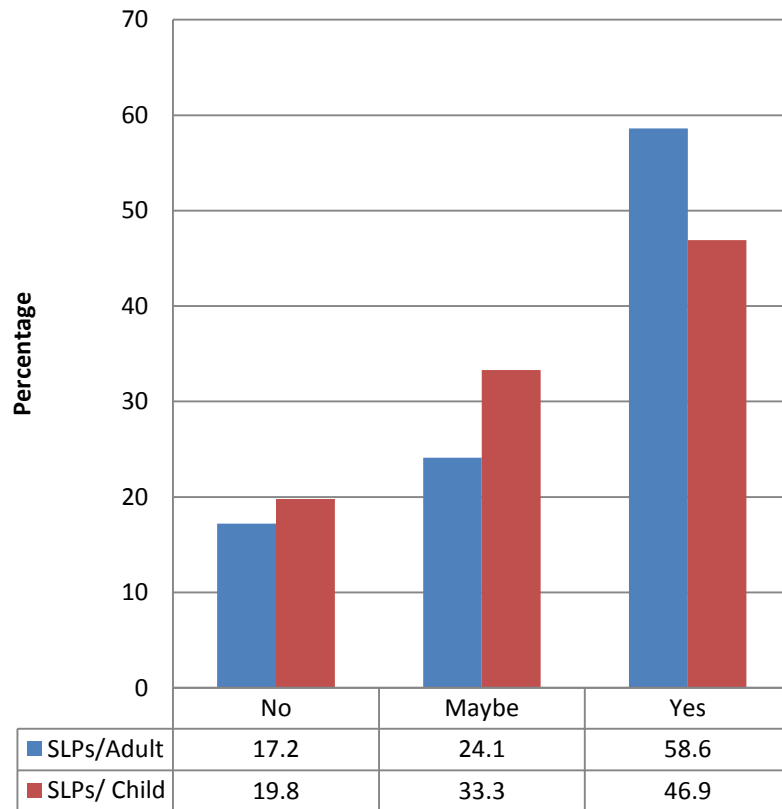


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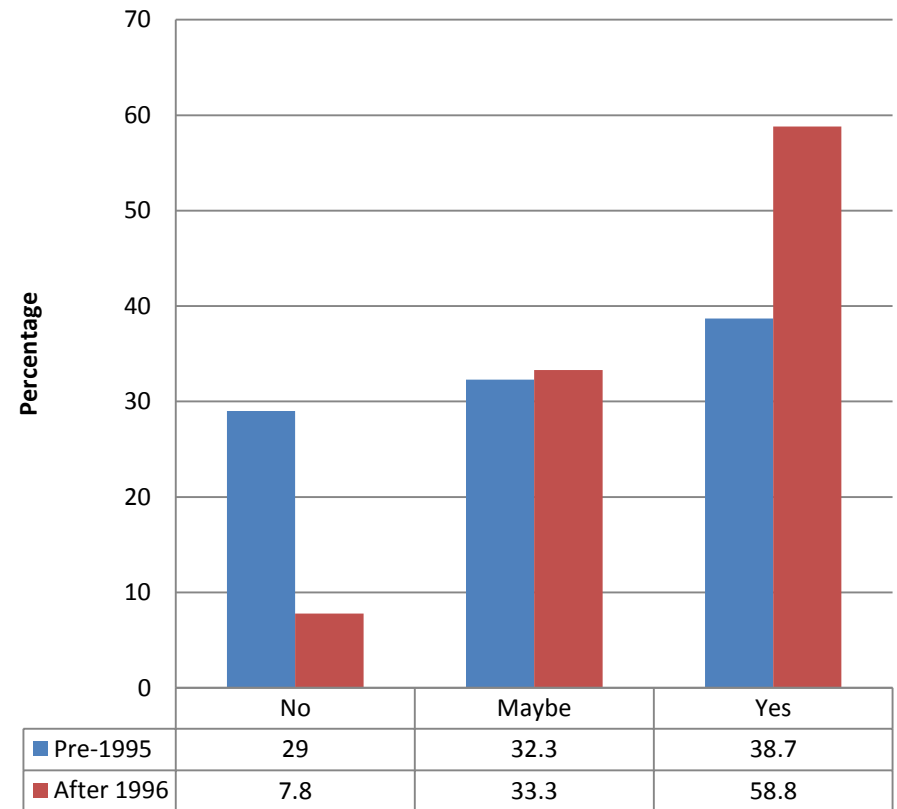


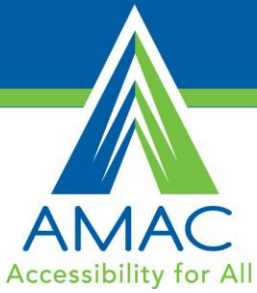
Want to Be Mentored in AAC

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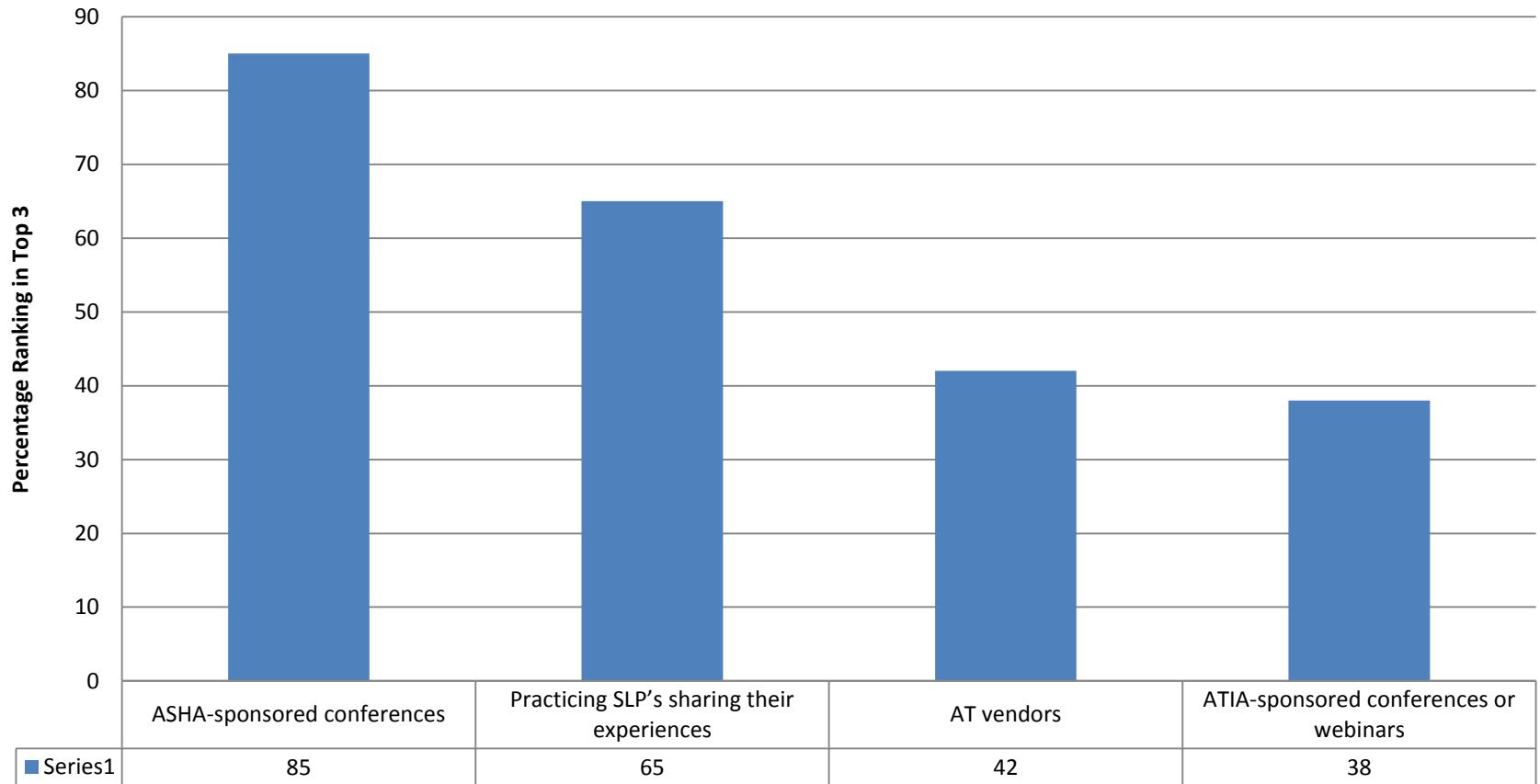
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Sources for AAC/AT Training

Trusted sources for quality continuing AT training



Training Requested

Requested Training Topics

