

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

Interest Network:	Legal Process and Public Policy
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2022-2023 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network <i>During 2022-2023, Amy Lulinski agreed to co-chair the Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network with current chair, Barb Kleist. The purpose of this effort was to begin implementing a strategy for continuity of leadership within the interest network. Additionally, Kleist regularly attended and contributed to the AAIDD Assembly of Interest Network meetings.</i>2. Provide updates on current legal issues and topics relevant to LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests. <i>During 2022-2023, LP&PP members contributed to AAIDD in the following ways:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Members reviewed/responded to AAP Guardianship Position Statement providing substantive feedback regarding changes that align with AAIDD/Arc Joint Position Statement on Autonomy, Decision-Making & Guardianship.</i>• <i>Provided representation on the Arc/AAIDD Joint Policies & Positions Statements Committee with members reappointed in early 2023 to continue to represent AAIDD in 2024.</i>• <i>Members of the interest network provided representation on 2023 Conference Review Panels, Fellowship and Awards Committees</i>• <i>Members contributed articles on research and policy to AAIDD journals.</i>3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities <i>This continues to be an area for growth and development. Communication with LP&PP members continued to be informal during 2023 with plans to formalize and provide regular community with interest network members in the year ahead. Due to scheduling issues and time constraints, the LP&PP did not hold its annual meeting at the 2023 AAIDD conference.</i>4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP. <i>In 2023, the LP&P awarded one \$600 scholarship for SECP member to attend the 2023 AAIDD conference in Pittsburgh this past year. The scholarship was awarded to Nastassia Vaitiakhovich (Syracuse University) The Association Between the Affordable Care Act and</i>	

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Healthcare Affordability Among US Adults with ID. As a scholarship recipient Ms. Vaitsiakhovich has been invited to present at an upcoming virtual interest network meeting following the conference. During 2023, the LP&PP co-chairs continued to explore opportunities to collaborate and network with the SECP Interest Network.

2023-2024 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

5. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network
 - Recruit new co-chair to replace Amy Lulinski who needed to step down for work-related reasons.
 - Review current interest network guidelines and propose updates for review by entire interest network at the annual meeting in 2024.
6. Provide updates on current legal issues and topics relevant to LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests.
 - Collaborate with other interest networks to host a webinar on a topic of interest (example Civil and Human Rights Position Statement related topic)
 - Develop & submit proposal for a pre-con session focused on law, policy and systems change at 2024 AAIDD Conference and the 2024 Arc Summer Leadership Institute
 - Engage network members to submit presentation proposals for the 2024 conference on legal and public policy issues relevant to LP&PP Interest Network members.
7. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities
 - Coordinate and host up to 3 virtual LP&PP membership meetings in 2022-2023.
 - Host LP&PP annual meeting gathering at 2023 Annual Conference.
 - Provide semi-annual e-updates to LP&PP interest network members.
 - Review and recommend updates to LP&PP section of AAIDD website.
 - Set up and invite LP&PP members to join LinkedIn group for the interest network.
8. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP.
 - Award one scholarship to SECP members interested in Legal Process & Public Process to support attendance at 2024 conference.
 - Provide up to 5 AAIDD memberships to the Legal Process and Public Policy Interest Network for students/early career professionals whose area of study or practice focuses on disability law, policy and systems change at the state and or federal levels.
 - Collaborate with SECP Interest Network to identify SECP members for leadership opportunities in the LP&PP Interest Network.