

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:

Education

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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.

Goal: The Education Interest Network will be a dynamic and useful network for AAIDD members and potential AAIDD members.

Objective: Disseminate information and research on the education of children and youth with IDD
Activities and Progress:

- Post policy, practice, and research information on Facebook page and group (see next activity)
 - EIN event information was posted regularly to Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aaiddeducation>
- Increase a linked Facebook group to go with the Facebook page
 - The Facebook Page currently has 130 followers with 105 likes.
- Organize presentations and panel discussions to share research-based approaches to relevant topics in education (via monthly/regular meetings)
 - Hosted 7 events for members on topics of interest indicated by members through a survey at the beginning of the year. Presenters included self-advocates who shared about lived experiences, early career researchers, practitioners and established researchers in the field.
- Submit a presentation to AAIDD and other outlets of the joint position manuscript
 - Presented a poster at the AAIDD annual meeting in Pittsburgh
 - Kuntz, E. Bruno, L., Wojcik, A. AAIDD's Education Interest Network: A Year in Review. Presented at the annual conference for AAIDD in Pittsburgh, PA (2023, June).

Objective: Increase awareness of and involvement in the Education Interest Network
Activities and Progress:

- Provide a scholarship to a graduate student whose work aligns with the Education Interest Network
 - Postponed awarding of a SECP scholarship in favor of providing financial support for self-advocates to attend the Annual Meeting; a decision made collectively by members of the EIN
- Hold quarterly meetings (invite all AAIDD Education Interest Network members to participate) incorporating presentations and panel discussions with EIN and other IN members
 - Quarterly meetings were held after a few of the 7 EIN events – during these meetings, the presentations were shorter that allowed for EIN leadership to have discussions with members
- Create a list of presentations on education for the annual meeting/conference and send this list to Education Interest Members for easy reference at annual meeting/conference
 - Not completed this year
- Submit a proposal for an informational poster about the Education Interest Network and its priorities at the annual AAIDD meeting/conference

Due July 14, 2023

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- Poster was submitted and presented at the Annual Meeting (see citation above)

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.

Goal: The Education Interest Network will be a dynamic and useful network for AAIDD members and potential AAIDD members.

Objective: Disseminate information and research on the education of children and youth with IDD

Activities and Progress:

- Post policy, practice, and research information on Facebook page **and** create a Twitter profile (with a generic gmail login to allow for ease of access later on)
 - Live Tweet during monthly meetings to share about research/information from presenters
 - Tweet/Retweet about recent publications from AAIDD EIN members
 - One monthly feature about a project/paper from EIN members on Facebook Page and Twitter (EIN members are encourage to send paper and secretary will create short video/flyer)
- Host AAIDD webinar(s) and/or member event(s) on relevant educational topics
 - Host “Pathfinders & Pioneers” (*name pending*) – EIN leadership will reach out to past presidents/prominent members to share about how the field has evolved overtime in education and where they see the field going (i.e., pioneers) and then invite early career researchers (i.e., pathfinders) to share about their work
 - Record sessions and use them to share information (i.e., either on Youtube, Twitter, or through Qualitative Research)
 - Send a survey to AAIDD EIN members (and ask to share with doctoral students, etc.) about areas of interest for monthly presentations
 - Begin these monthly presentations - September 2023 – May 2024 and provide a schedule to members by August with calendar invites for the year
 - Invite interested members to attend monthly meetings who may not be a member of EIN initially (i.e., doctoral students) or archive them

Objective: Increase awareness of and involvement in the Education Interest Network

Activities and Progress:

- Provide SECP and/or membership scholarship(s) to graduate student(s) whose work aligns with the Education Interest Network
- Hold quarterly meetings (invite all AAIDD Education Interest Network members to participate) to maintain the mission and aims of the EIN
 - Provide updates of the EIN during these meetings
 - Plan for the Annual Meeting
 - Engage members to be more active (i.e., someone take the lead on developing a list of presenters/presentations for the EIN at the Annual Meeting)
- Create a interest network share survey so that members will know what projects/expertise members are working on to ask for help and establish a list of "contacts" with educators willing to participate in interviews or surveys.