

*2012 Annual Report
of the American Association on Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities*

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Summary of 2012 Activities

Membership

The Association actively engaged in activities in 2012 designed to recruit and retain members and supported volunteer leadership structures within the Association.

Divisions, Special Interest, Action, and Other Groups

AAIDD supported **24 unique professional interest groups** which engaged members on topics of special interest.

Chapters and Regions

AAIDD is organized into **10 Regions**, and further within these regions into state and provincial **Chapters** within which members shared information, advocated for shared goals, and otherwise implemented the mission of AAIDD.

Fellows

AAIDD honored **8 members** with the designation of Fellow of the Association; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.

30-Year Members

AAIDD recognized **43 individuals** for their 30 years of continuous membership in the Association.

Awards

The Association honored **10 individuals and one organization** with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 136th annual meeting.

Communications

AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2012 through the following electronic vehicles:

- *Member Update*, a weekly update on time-sensitive professional development opportunities.
- *Field Notes*, a monthly survey of peer-reviewed articles to help promote the translation of research to practice.
- *FYI*, a monthly update on AAIDD resources, activities, and educational offerings.
- *Fellow Insider*, a quarterly communication to Fellows of the Association to support their continued engagement in the field and mentoring of the next generation of leaders.

Board of Directors

In 2012, the Board fulfilled its **ongoing governance** functions. Activities included engaging in strategic planning; monitoring the financial status of the Association; securing an auditor; reaffirming socially responsible investment policies; securing a journal editor; and reviewing and acting on position statements, action plans, and nominations.

Annual Meeting

The **136th annual meeting of the Association** was held in conjunction with the annual conference in June 2012 in Charlotte, NC. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Conference of Professional Interests.

Education

In 2012, the Association

- Held its **annual conference**, with the theme *Research*Practice*Policy*, for approximately 500 attendees.
- Co-sponsored **4 national conferences** to advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities: *12th Annual Coleman Institute Conference*, *ANCOR Technology Leadership Summit*, *SABE National Conference*, and *State of the Art Conference on Postsecondary Education and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities*.
- Hosted or co-hosted **22 webinars** on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Launched **7 new courses** on its online learning platform.
- Partnered with The Arc of the US on its **HealthMeet®** project.
- Convened a **research delegation** of 10 members to Brazil.

Mission

AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS®)

Published by AAIDD, the SIS® is a valid and reliable assessment tool that measures the practical support needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As of the close of 2012, the SIS® has been adopted by **23 US states and Canadian provinces** and is in use in **22 countries**.

In 2012, activities related to the SIS® included:

- Supporting **online data collection** and storage.
- Providing **training** in the use of SIS® and **assuring quality**.
- Conducting SIS® **assessments**.
- Crafting the **SIS-A** (for adults), norming the **SIS-C** (for children) and developing an “Autism extension” for use with the tools.

Public Policy

AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2012 by:

- Co-sponsoring the **2012 Disability Policy Seminar** with five other national organizations on key policy issues important to people with disabilities and their families.
- Actively participating in the **Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities**, a coalition of about 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national policies that ensure self-determination and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.
- Filing **Amicus Curiae briefs** with the Supreme Court of the United States on death penalty cases involving individuals with intellectual disability.
- Submitting **comments** on proposed federal regulations and public health classification systems.
- Providing **insights and observations** in the public press on issues important to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Summary of 2012 Activities

Publications

In 2012, the Association's journals continued to advance the field:

- Volume 117 of *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disability* was published under the editorship of Dr. Len Abbeduto.
- Volume 50 of *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* was published under the editorship of Dr. Glenn Fujiura.
- Plans to launch a new journal, *Inclusion*, were announced and a search conducted for its inaugural editors.

Four new titles were added to the Association's catalog in 2012:

- *Good Blood, Bad Blood: Science, Nature, and the Myth of the Kallikaks*
- *Trauma-Informed Behavioral Interventions: What Works and What Doesn't*
- *Nuts & Bolts: Writing Outstanding Journal Articles*
- *Intellectual Disability: Definition, Classification, and Systems of Supports User's Guide*

Additional titles and assessment tools were under development in 2012 and scheduled for publication in 2013 and 2014.

AAIDD Statement of Financial Activities for Years Ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010

	2012	2011	2010
REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Product and Service Sales	\$3,213,138	\$2,054,893	\$1,346,833
Subscriptions	\$844,134	\$733,852	\$707,723
Dues	\$353,479	\$375,578	\$497,262
Fees	\$1,025,104	\$714,983	\$411,937
Grants, Awards, and Donations	\$9,180	\$462,588	\$245,117
Reprints and Royalties	\$42,286	\$65,423	\$62,144
Investment Income	\$132,463	\$97,866	\$122,737
Miscellaneous	\$29,056	\$34,636	\$32,741
Rental Income	\$36,000	\$12,581	\$6,000
Advertising	\$2,949	\$2,320	\$626
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$5,687,789	\$4,554,720	\$3,433,120
EXPENSES			
Products and Services	\$2,594,155	\$2,214,809	\$2,110,590
Education and Training	\$883,273	\$721,947	\$386,867
Management and Governance	\$519,730	\$490,441	\$419,768
Membership	\$190,382	\$162,622	\$300,546
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,187,540	\$3,519,819	\$3,217,741
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,500,249	\$1,034,901	\$215,379
NET ASSETS—Beginning of Year	\$2,421,308	\$1,386,407	\$1,171,028
NET ASSETS—End of Year	\$3,921,557	\$2,421,308	\$1,386,407

2011–2012 AAIDD Board of Directors

Functions

The major functions of AAIDD are to

- ✓ Support its members' leadership in activities that affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Publish and promote cutting-edge research, tools, and materials that inform policy and practice.
- ✓ Develop and implement educational opportunities for professionals, policymakers, and others.
- ✓ Engage in activities that promote progressive public policy.

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Goals

The goals of AAIDD are to

- ✓ Enhance the capacity of professionals who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Promote the development of a society that fully includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Build an effective, responsive, well-managed, responsibly-governed, and sustainable organization.