



*2016 Annual Report of the
American Association on Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities*

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

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Summary of 2016 Activities

EDUCATION

In 2016, the Association promoted best practices as it

- Held its annual conference, with the theme *The Meaning of Professional in an Era of Change* with approximately 600 attendees.
- Hosted or co-hosted 12 webinars on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Offered a library of online courses in which a total of 2,121 learners enrolled.
- Co-sponsored the 16th Annual Coleman Institute Conference to help advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Convened a 18-member research delegation to Australia.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2016, the Association's three peer-reviewed journals continued to advance the field:

- *Inclusion* (established 2013), continued under the joint editorship of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer and Dr. Karrie Shogren.
- *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1963), continued under the editorship of Dr. Glenn Fujiura. Dr. James Thompson was selected as the next editor of IDD.
- *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1896), continued under the editorship of Dr. Deborah Fidler.

Three new titles were added to the Association's catalog in 2016: *Critical Issues in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, *Cross-Cultural Quality of Life*, and *Maltreatment of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. Additionally, a Spanish version of the SIS-A Interview Form was produced for the US market, and new titles are under development for publication in 2017.

GOVERNANCE

In 2016 the AAIDD Board of Directors fulfilled its ongoing governance functions. Activities included engaging in strategic planning; assuring the financial health and sustainability of the Association; and reviewing and acting on position statements, action plans, and nominations.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 140th annual meeting of the Association was held in conjunction with the annual conference in June 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Conference of Professional Interests.

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 2016, the SIS has been adopted by 28 US states and Canadian provinces, translated into 16 languages, in nationwide use in 10 countries, and used in numerous locations around the world. In 2016, activities related to the SIS included:

- Supporting the use of the *Supports Intensive Scale-Adult Version (SIS-A)*, *Supports Intensity Scale-Children's Version (SIS-C)*, and SISOnline platform.
- Providing training in the use of SIS and quality assurance activities.
- Developing new tools that will integrate with the SIS suite of assessments.

PUBLIC POLICY

AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2016 by:

- Co-sponsoring the 2016 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 advocating 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2016 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 into 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 mentorship of the next generation of leaders.

The Association also utilized social media venues, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Pinterest, to disseminate important information.

Summary of 2016 Activities

MEMBERSHIP

The Association actively engaged in activities in 2016 designed to recruit and retain members and supported internal volunteer leadership structures.

Divisions, Special Interest, Action, and Other Groups
AAIDD supported 21 unique professional interest groups that engage 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 in which members shared information, advocated for shared goals, and otherwise implemented the mission of AAIDD.

Fellows

AAIDD honored 12 members with the designation of Fellow of the Association; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.

30-Year Members

AAIDD recognized 20 people for their 30 years of continuous membership in the Association.

Awards

The Association honored seven individuals and two programs with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 140th annual meeting.

AAIDD Statement of Financial Activities for Years Ending December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014

	2016	2015	2014
REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Product and Service Sales	\$1,921,342	\$2,304,851	\$3,471,450
Subscriptions	\$575,322	\$634,049	\$655,553
Dues	\$201,198	\$275,510	\$309,426
Education and Training Fees	\$1,139,690	\$927,758	\$1,227,562
Grants, Awards, and Donations	\$8,661	\$9,639	\$9,156
Reprints and Royalties	\$37,670	\$29,164	\$37,567
Investment Income	\$295,944	(\$7,816)	\$296,993
Miscellaneous	\$32,049	\$83,193	\$37,355
Advertising	\$40,842	\$31,447	\$31,677
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$4,252,718	\$4,287,795	\$6,076,739
EXPENSES			
Products and Services	\$1,907,603	\$2,017,676	\$2,883,815
Education and Training	\$1,087,467	\$854,969	\$1,042,048
Management and Governance	\$617,705	\$589,326	\$577,688
Membership	\$244,773	\$214,986	\$217,637
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,857,548	\$3,676,957	\$4,721,188
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$395,170	\$610,838	\$1,355,551
NET ASSETS—Beginning of Year	\$7,499,183	\$6,888,345	\$5,532,794
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2016–2017

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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.
- Enhance the effective integration of research, practice, and policy.
- Sustain an effective, responsive, well-managed, and responsibly governed organization.

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.