

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

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

Interest Network:	Direct Support Professional Interest Network
Lead Contact Person(s):	Karen Lee Jessica Neely
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:	June 2025: Chair, Co-Chair, & Secretary
2023-2024 Report	<p>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.</p> <p>The committee met monthly. Each month the IN had a guest speaker, article or research project that we reviewed, discussed or deliberated on. The membership for each call ranged between 4-10 people. During the membership meeting at the conference, 30 people attended our discussion.</p>
2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies	<p>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.</p> <p>Goal 1. The DSP Interest Network will meet monthly to share best practice information, be it an article, current research or public policy. Strategy 1. Set a monthly meeting at a regular time Strategy 2. Ask for recommendations from the group on topics Strategy 3. Create a space for open dialogue about the monthly topic.</p> <p>Goal 2. The DSP Interest Network will seek opportunities for greater research, literature and best practice forums within AAIDD Strategy 1. Discuss opportunities for influencing AAIDD publications to focus on DSP best practices. Strategy 2. Plan a best practice webinar for membership and the general disability community. Strategy 3. Continue to recruit AAIDD membership and collaborate with other Interest Networks.</p> <p>Goal 3. Expand Early Career interest in DSP topics Strategy 1. Recruit members of the Student and Early Career Professionals Network through an article in the weekly digest for AAIDD Strategy 2. Investigate options to offer scholarship/s for members to the annual conference. Strategy 2. Give Students and Early Career members an opportunity to present at a monthly meeting.</p>

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