

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: Community

Lead Contact Person(s): Yvonne Miller Nixon

Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: 2027

2024-2025 Report

- Provided 4 newsletters with articles of interest to community providers. One of the articles was all about diversity and inclusion.
- Provided an early career professional scholarship to the AAIDD conference in 2025.
- Sharon Gomez, Joanna Pierson and Yvonne Miller Nixon participated in the paper review process for the 2024 conference.
- Conducted a nomination process to find new Community Interest Network chair. Yvonne Miller Nixon was selected.
- Joanna Pierson received the AAIDD Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Sharon Gomez received the AAIDD Presidential Award.

2025-2026 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

- Conduct a webinar in coordination with the Social and Sexual Relationships Interest Network.
- Provide three newsletters with articles of interest to community providers.
- Provide an early career professional scholarship to the 2026 AAIDD conference.
- Develop Community Inclusion Award to be awarded to an individual (different from the AAIDD award that is for an agency) at 2026 AAIDD conference.