

# 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.)

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<b>Next Scheduled Election &amp; Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:</b> A meeting will be planned to discuss this. FIN does not currently have this structure in place.
<b>2024-2025 Report</b> For the year that <b>just ended</b> (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ FIN hosted two FIN membership meetings to define its purpose. It was concluded that the FIN will serve as a listserv.</li><li>▪ Sent email updates to FIN members.</li><li>▪ Discussed topics for family centered research priorities.</li><li>▪ Provided funds towards a student scholarship for the AAIDD Conference.</li><li>▪ Represent AAIDD FIN at national conversations focusing on family support. AAIDD FIN was represented during the National Agenda, Supporting Families Best Practice Series and leadership discussions.</li><li>▪ FIN attended the Social Work meeting in October, presenting on Person and Family Centered Practices</li></ul>
<b>2025-2026 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies</b> For the <b>coming year</b> (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Continue to send email updates to FIN members on national opportunities related to families, conferences, and research.</li><li>▪ Continue to identify FIN members who want to be reviewers.</li><li>▪ Sponsor 1-2 student scholarships to the AAIDD Conference, as funds allow.</li><li>▪ Continue to represent AAIDD FIN at national conversations such as the National Agenda, Supporting Families Best Practices Series, and ACL Family Caregiver.</li><li>▪ FIN is open to joining other interest networks who want to cohost meetings and/or presentations.</li></ul>