

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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Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: Our election will be in approximately June of next year. We anticipate two co-Vice Chair positions will be open. It is possible that there will be additional openings for some of the following positions: secretary, social media manager, research chair, or awards coordinator.	
2024-2025 Report 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. Goals from 2023-2024, with updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Host another webinar on a topic selected by the PIN executive committee. If possible, we would like for this to be on a topic related to diversity/equity.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hosted a webinar in February 2025 co-sponsored by Catalight Classroom - "Weaving Indigenous and Western Worldviews in Autism Assessment" by Dr. Stephanie Hayes, Ph.D., C. Psych, and Ms. Stevie Nolan, Little Star Woman, which highlighted key insights from a groundbreaking pilot project conducted in a First Nations community in Ontario, Canada. Free CEs were available to all attendees through Catalight Classroom, and we had over 40 people in attendance.● Attempt to develop a LinkedIn profile and continue to increase engagement on Facebook and Twitter platforms.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We elected Nina Rudnick, PsyD, as our social media manager and she continued to post to all social media platforms. We also developed a LinkedIn account and have begun to use that.● Communicate with PIN members through email directory to increase engagement. Use at least one of the following strategies to increase engagement with membership: open membership meetings, newsletters, surveys, social media posts about members' activities, consultation groups, or meetups at other conferences.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We opened our meetings to all members, rather than just the executive committee. This has been a great way to allow more engagement by members.○ We distributed multiple surveys to PIN members throughout the year to learn about projects they are working on and conferences they are attending. We highlighted PIN members' publications and conference presentations on our social media channels as we	

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were made aware of them.

- Select Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award and SECP Award winners for next year's AAIDD conference.
 - The Wolf Wolfensberger Award was given to Joan Beasley, PhD, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to psychological interventions in the field of IDD.
 - We awarded 2 student scholarships to Alexandria Barkheimer, MA ("Caregiver Experiences Using Telehealth for Developmental Assessments in Youth with Down Syndrome") and Cherisse Watts, MSN ("Learning from the Experiences of Black Parents: Decision-Making Processes of Black Parents of Children with Developmental Delay and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities").
- Plan next year's AAIDD PIN luncheon or another social event for PIN members at the conference.
 - Due to the limited availability of funds, we decided not to host a luncheon at the conference this year and instead chose to use our funds to award 2 student scholarships. We held a meeting at 7:30 am on Tuesday at the conference instead, and it was attended by about 10-15 people.

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

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.

- Host at least one webinar on a topic selected by the PIN executive committee. If possible, we would like for this to be on a topic related to diversity/equity.
- Continue to increase engagement on LinkedIn (primarily), as well as continue use of Facebook. Explore use of other social media platforms.
- Use at least one of the following strategies to increase engagement with membership: newsletters, surveys, social media posts about members' activities, consultation or discussion groups, or meetups at other conferences.
- Select Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award and SECP Scholarship winners for next year's AAIDD conference.
- Plan next year's business meeting and/or another social event for PIN members at the conference.
- Host a pre-conference session at next year's AAIDD conference.