

# 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.)

<b>Interest Network:</b> Social Work Interest Network	
<b>Lead Contact Person(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rebecca Wells, PhD, MSW, MPH - Chair</li> <li>Jade Presnell, MSW, LMSW – Co-Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Scheduled Election &amp; Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2026 – Communications Chair</li> <li>2027 – Co-Chair</li> </ul>	
<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.	
<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Goal 1: Member Engagement</b> , Engage existing and potential members in a variety of ways	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 1: Once a quarter, hold a member engagement event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> We held three virtual meetings: October 22, 2024; January 28, 2025; and April 29, 2025. We met in person at the annual meeting June 24, 2025.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 2: Promote SW-authored presentations at the annual meeting by email to members of our network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 3: Host, promote, and participate in networking events at the AAIDD Annual Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> We held a business meeting and an informal voluntary lunch at the 2025 meeting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 4: If funds allow, sponsor a scholarship for the 2025 annual meeting, a smaller merit award, or a membership scholarship for a student or early career professional (SECP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> A group of volunteers from our interest network reviewed abstracts, rated them, and selected a winner for a registration scholarship for Dr. Tiffany Banks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 5: Hold SWIN leadership election virtually in March for open leadership positions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> We elected a new co-chair for the 2025/2026 year, Jade Presnell.</li> </ul>
<b>Goal 2: Current Issues</b> , Engage existing and potential members around issues of relevance to social work practitioners, administrators, policy makers, and/or academics.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 1: Either as an individual interest network or in partnership with another interest network, explore the development and delivery of one compelling webinar annually, highlighting the emergent work of a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> Members of the AAIDD SWIN contributed to two webinars:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Developing Solutions for A Deepening DSP Crisis, September 11, 2024, 1-2 pm EST - Carol Britton Laws, PhD, MSW,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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student and/or early career professional.	FAAIDD; Daniel Boamah, PhD, MA; Dorothy Hiersteiner, MPP. b. Community Inclusion for People with IDD: A Call to Action for Social Work, February 20, 2025, 3-4 pm EST - Jade Presnell, MS; John M. Keesler, PhD, MSW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective 2: Invite guests to present on topics for at least two of our quarterly meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>This objective was met.</b> We had guest speakers at our October and April meetings</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the SWIN contributed to the National Goals in Health Equality</li> <li>Members of the SWIN contributed to the second edition of the CSWE Curricular Resource on Issues of Disability and Disability-Competent Care</li> </ul>

### 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.

1. Goal 1: Member Engagement, Engage existing and potential members in a variety of ways.
  - a. Objective 1: Once a quarter, hold a member engagement event
  - b. Objective 2: Promote SW-authored presentations at the annual meeting by email to members of our network
  - c. Objective 3: Host, promote, and participate in networking events at the AAIDD Annual Meeting.
  - d. Objective 4: If funds allow, sponsor a scholarship for the 2026 annual meeting, a smaller merit award, or a membership scholarship for a student or early career professional (SECP)
  - e. Objective 5: Hold SWIN leadership election virtually in March for open leadership positions.
  - f. Objective 6: Engage prospective members at other meetings and conferences, such as the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
2. Goal 2: Current Issues, Engage existing and potential members around issues of relevance to social work practitioners, administrators, policy makers, and/or academics.
  - a. Objective 1: Either as an individual interest network or in partnership with another interest network, develop and deliver at least one compelling webinar annually, highlighting the emergent work of a student and/or early career professional.
  - b. Objective 2: Invite guests to present on topics for at least two of our quarterly meetings.
  - c. Objective 3: Assess member interest in co-creating articles, presentations, or other creative works that further the mission of the Social Work Interest Network