

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, Chair	
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: June 23, 2026, Vice-chair, Secretary	
2025-2026 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. • Developed a Community Inclusion Award, and selected a recipient. Award presented to Dan Middleton at the 2026 annual conference during Community Interest Network business meeting. • Funded a scholarship for the SECP Interest Network, and presented award at the 2026 annual meeting. • Held Community Network business meeting at 2026 annual AAIDD conference in Chicago. • Reviewed papers for the 2026 annual meeting, as well as moderated one session at the meeting. • Called for nominations for Community Vice-chair and Secretary to strengthen leadership of the interest network. • Installed Dan Middleton as the Vice-chair of the Community Interest Network.	
2026-2027 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. • Fill the Community Interest Network Secretary position. • Develop a three-year succession plan. • Send a poll to the Community Interest Network membership to find what members are interested in getting from the network. • Initiate regular Community Interest Network leadership meetings to develop additional activities that are of interest to the membership. • Fund a Student and Early Career Professional Scholarship for the 2027 Annual Meeting. • Procure nominations for and grant another Community Inclusion Award	

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- Start a social media or online presence for the Community Network
- Sponsor a webinar of interest to membership. Preliminary ideas include, 1) Using Vision Boards in Person Centered Planning, 2) Sharing Membership's Success Stories of People they Serve.
- Distribute a newsletter promoting members' programs and sharing policy issues that are of interest to the members.
- Present Community Interest Network poster at 2027 AAIDD annual meeting to aid in recruiting new members.