

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:	Families
Lead Contact Person(s): Chair: Sheli Reynolds(reynoldsmc@umkc.edu) Co-Chair: Sarah Brooks (sarah.brooks@umkc.edu) Administrators: Katharine Ragon (ragonk@umkc.edu) and Angelina Alpert (angelinaalpert@umkc.edu)	
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: • Nominations scheduled for mid/late August 2026 • Elections scheduled for mid/late September 2026	
2025-2026 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. • Sent email updates to FIN members on national opportunities related to families, conferences, and research • FIN members served as reviewers for AAIDD articles on topics related to families • AAIDD FIN membership fee supported scholarships for AAIDD Conference • AAIDD FIN members engaged in national conversations, including Supporting Families Best Practice Series, ACL Family Caregiver Grassroots, Community of Practice on Supporting Families, etc. • FIN members represented family interests across other AAIDD Interest Networks	
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. • Elect leaders for Chair • Newsletter to FIN members spotlighting family interests in policy, practice, and research across systems and offer engagement opportunities • Quarterly FIN call • Sponsor student scholarships for AAIDD Conference as funds allow • Represent FIN nationally in conversations across sectors • FIN gathering in conjunction with AAIDD annual conference • Partner within and across interest networks to cohost meetings and presentations	