

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2021

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose.  
(See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

<b>Interest Network:</b> Social Work
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<b>Annual Report</b> <i>For the year that <b>just ended</b> (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.</i>
<b>1. To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network through increased engagement in activities such as webinars, mentorship, and proposal reviews.</b>
The interest network is stable in membership, but this is an ongoing issue to pursue. Webinar development was pursued but remains in progress. Proposal reviews were conducted.
<b>2. To recruit a co-chair and secretary for the SW interest group.</b>
In 21-22 a new chair, Jacqueline (Jackie) Mcginley, will lead the Social Work Interest Network. Jackie is an Assistant Professor at Binghamton University, School of Social Work. Her research interests include intellectual disabilities, aging, end-of-life care, and bereavement.
<b>3. To hold an annual business meeting in 2021 at the AAIDD conference in conjunction with the Family Interest Network.</b>
The Interest Network held a virtual meeting in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Eight members attended and developed a plan to increase the networking among members. In addition, bimonthly meetings will take place to offer educational opportunities for the interest network.
<b>4. To work cooperatively with the Family Interest Network and the Legal Process and Public Policy Interest Network on joint projects this year.</b>
The interest networks were not able to complete this task. The Social Work Interest Network is now pursuing projects within the SW Interest Network.
<b>5. To continue sharing news, educational opportunities, and to spotlight individual members in quarterly virtual meetings and emails as needed.</b>
Quarterly meetings were held this past year. We will increase the frequency of meetings and continue to work on this goal.
<b>6. Funds will be used to promote a social work student scholarship and webinars.</b>
We selected two students to receive scholarships to the Annual Conference.

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1. Jade Presnell; jadepres@iu.edu; An Exploratory Study Of Trauma And Trauma-informed Care Among Disability Providers
2. Yael Karni-Visel; yaelvisel@gmail.com; Home or Residential Setting Care: The Optimal Setting for Families Raising A Child with Severe Intellectual Disability

These students were offered to have conference fees waived by AAIDD. No funds from the SW Interest Network were used for travel since the conference was virtual.

### **Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies**

*For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.*

1. To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network through increased engagement in activities such as webinars, mentorship, and proposal reviews.
2. To hold an annual business meeting in 2022 at the AAIDD conference.
3. To hold bimonthly virtual meetings to facilitate network building and educational experiences for the interest network members. An emphasis will be placed on offering meaningful meetings to meet members needs.
4. Funds will be used to promote a social work student scholarship and webinars.