

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2020

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.

Interest Network:

Social and Sexual Concerns

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Annual Report

Goal: To be a resource for individuals with IDD, their families, staff, and our colleagues for social / sexual concerns.

For the year that just ended (2019-2020) our specific objectives and activities completed are listed below.

1. Recruit new members.

From September 2019 until June 2020 we gained 14 new members. However, another 14 members did not continue their membership.

2. Promote and disseminate social / sexual information.

We distributed “Facts of Life Newsletter” quarterly courtesy of Leslie Walker-Hirsch.

Dates:

September 24, 2019

December 12, 2019

March 31, 2020

June 25, 2020

3. We planned on having four Online Web Roundtables. However, we hosted only two, and promoted another.

May 20, 2020 – Sexual Health From Home, AAIDD Webinar. We promoted but did not organize.

Feb 12, 2020 – A Community-Engaged Project Discovering the Sexuality Questions of Adults with IDD – Rebecca Kammes and Trisha Easley

October 18, 2019 -- University of Iowa’s REACH Program – Lauren Bruno and Jennifer McGinn.

4. We did very little to build our social media presence. We did post news about webinars and some relevant articles. However, we only have 29 members of the group.

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5. We did collaborate with the SECP Interest Network to disseminate information. From this group we also selected a young professional to receive a scholarship to the annual conference. However, the annual conference was cancelled due to Covid-19.

6. We planned to have a business lunch meeting instead of a breakfast meeting at the annual conference. We set a date and time, coordinating with the SECP and Education Interest Networks. However, the annual conference was cancelled.

Next year - 2020-2021 Goals are:

To be a resource for individuals with IDD, their families, staff, and our colleagues for social / sexual concerns.

Specific objectives:

1. Identify new members to recruit into our Interest Network.

Contact the individuals whose membership lapsed in between September 2019 and June 2020.

Recruit new members from Student and Early Career Professionals (SECP)

Reach out to Leadership and Management in Community Living Interest Network

2. Promote and disseminate social / sexual information between IN colleagues and other IN groups to act as a resource / clearing house to facilitate collegial exchange of information and provide support as necessary to each other.

Planned Activities and Activities Completed (in italics):

1. - Continue to distribute the Facts of Life Newsletter quarterly courtesy of Leslie Walker-Hirsch.

2. - Have four Online Web Roundtables. Specific topics and programs TBD. Our first is scheduled for July.

3. Continue to build our social media presence. We currently have 29 members. Our goal is to have 40 members by the end of the year. Our goal is also to post more often.

4. - Increase collaboration with AAIDD's other Interest Networks.

5. – Support a young professional this year with a scholarship from our current budget. Because we were unable to support a young professional at the 2020 annual conference, we would like to use the 2020 budget and the 2021 budget to support someone for the 2021 annual conference.

6. Have a business lunch meeting instead of a breakfast meeting at the 2021 annual conference.