

*2015 Annual Report
of the
American Association on Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities*

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AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Summary of 2015 Activities

MEMBERSHIP

The Association actively engaged in activities in 2015 designed to recruit and retain members and supported internal volunteer leadership structures.

Divisions, Special Interest, Action, and Other Groups
AAIDD supported **22** unique professional interest groups that engage members on topics of special interest.

Chapters and Regions

AAIDD is organized into **10** Regions and, further within these regions, into state and provincial Chapters within which members shared information, advocated for shared goals, and otherwise implemented the mission of AAIDD.

Fellows

AAIDD honored **10** members with the designation of Fellow of the Association; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.

30-Year Members

AAIDD recognized **22** people for their 30 years of continuous membership in the Association.

Awards

The Association honored **seven** individuals and **one** historic preservation project with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 139th annual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2015 through the following electronic vehicles:

- *Member Update*, a weekly update on time-sensitive professional development opportunities.
- *Field Notes*, a monthly survey of peer-reviewed articles to help promote the translation of research into practice.
- *FYI*, a monthly update on AAIDD resources, activities, and educational offerings.
- *Fellow Insider*, a quarterly communication to Fellows of the Association to support their continued engagement in the field and mentorship of the next generation of leaders.

The Association also utilized social media venues, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Pinterest, to disseminate important information.

GOVERNANCE

In 2015, the AAIDD Board of Directors fulfilled its ongoing governance functions. Activities included engaging in strategic planning; assuring the financial health and sustainability of the Association; and reviewing and acting on position statements, action plans, and nominations.

ANNUAL MEETING

The **139th** annual meeting of the Association was held in conjunction with the annual conference in June 2015 in Louisville, Kentucky. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Conference of Professional Interests.

EDUCATION

In 2015, the Association promoted best practices as it

- Held its annual conference, with the theme *Making a Difference Through Research, Practice, and Policy* for approximately **500** attendees.
- Co-sponsored **three** national conferences to advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities: *15th Annual Coleman Institute Conference*, *ANCOR-AAIDD Technology Leadership Summit*, and *National Goals in Research, Practice, and Policy*.
- Hosted or co-hosted **seven** webinars on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Partnered with The Arc of the US on its *Health Meet* project.
- Convened a **20**-member research delegation to Japan and Korea.

PUBLIC POLICY

AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2015 by:

- Co-sponsoring the *2015 Disability Policy Seminar* with five other national organizations on key policy issues important to people with disabilities and their families.
- Actively participating in the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, a coalition of about 100 national disability organizations advocating for national policies that ensure self-determination and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.
- Filing *Amicus Curiae* briefs with the Supreme Court of the United States on death penalty cases involving individuals with intellectual disability.
- Submitting comments on proposed federal regulations and public health classification systems.
- Providing insights and observations in the public press on issues important to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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PUBLICATIONS

In 2015, the Association's **three** peer-reviewed journals continued to advance the field. The newest journal, *Inclusion* (established 2013) continued under the editorship of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer and Dr. Karrie Shogren. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1963), continued under the editorship of Dr. Glenn Fujiura. The *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1896), continued under the editorship of Dr. Deborah Fidler. A scholar to succeed Dr. Fujiura as editor of *IDD* will be announced in June.

Six new titles were added to the Association's catalog in 2015: the *SIS-A* manual and interview form; *The State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (10th Edition)*; *Way Leads On to Way: Paths to Employment for People With Intellectual Disability*; *Standing Together and Finding a Voice Apart: Advocating for Intellectual Disability Rights*; *Positive Behavior Support Training Curriculum (3rd Edition)*; and the *SIS-C* manual and interview form. Additional titles are under development for publication in 2016.

SUPPORTS INTENSITY SCALE (SIS)

Published by AAIDD, the SIS[®] is a valid and reliable assessment tool that measures the practical support needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As of the close of 2015 the SIS has been adopted by **28** US states and Canadian provinces and is in use in **24** Countries. In 2015, activities related to the SIS included:

- Launching the *Supports Intensive Scale—Adult Version (SIS-A)*.
- Launching the *Supports Intensive Scale—Children's Version (SIS-C)*.
- Launching the next generation of the SISOnline platform.
- Supporting online data collection and storage.
- Providing training in the use of SIS and quality assurance activities.
- Conducting SIS assessments.

AAIDD Statement of Financial Activities for Years Ending December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013

	2015	2014	2013
REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Product and Service Sales	\$2,304,851	\$3,471,450	\$4,648,276
Subscriptions	\$634,049	\$655,553	\$776,067
Dues	\$275,510	\$309,426	\$328,761
Education and Training Fees	\$927,758	\$1,227,562	\$742,684
Grants, Awards, and Donations	\$9,639	\$9,156	\$9,689
Reprints and Royalties	\$29,164	\$37,567	\$17,844
Investment Income	(\$7,816)	\$296,993	\$262,709
Miscellaneous	\$83,193	\$37,355	\$24,771
Rental Income	-	-	\$3,000
Advertising	\$31,447	\$31,677	\$3,307
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$4,287,795	\$6,076,739	\$6,817,108
EXPENSES			
Products and Services	\$2,017,676	\$2,883,815	\$3,572,632
Education and Training	\$854,969	\$1,042,048	\$744,087
Management and Governance	\$589,326	\$577,688	\$703,692
Membership	\$214,986	\$217,637	\$185,460
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,676,957	\$4,721,188	\$5,205,871
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$610,838	\$1,355,551	\$1,611,237
NET ASSETS—Beginning of Year	\$6,888,345	\$5,532,794	\$3,921,557
NET ASSETS—End of Year	\$7,499,183	\$6,888,345	\$5,532,794

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Goals

The goals of AAIDD are to

- Enhance the capacity of professionals who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Promote the development of a society that fully includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Sustain an effective, responsive, well-managed, and responsibly governed, organization.

Functions

The major functions of AAIDD are to

- Support its members’ leadership in activities that affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Publish and promote cutting-edge research, tools, and materials that inform policy and practice.
- Develop and implement educational opportunities for professionals, policymakers, and others.

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