



2018 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.

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Summary of 2018 Activities

Education

In 2018, the Association promoted best practices as it

- Held its annual conference, with the theme *Promoting Reaffirming Diversity & Inclusion* with approximately **600** attendees.
- Hosted or co-hosted **19** webinars on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Offered a library of online courses in which over **1,000** learners enrolled.
- Co-sponsored the *18th Annual Coleman Institute Conference* to help advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Convened an **18**-member research delegation to Zambia and South Africa.

Publications

In 2018, the Association's **three** peer-reviewed journals continued to advance the field:

- ***Inclusion*** (established 2013), continued under the joint editorship of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer and Dr. Karrie Shogren.
- ***Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*** (established 1963), continued under the editorship of Dr. James Thompson.
- ***American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*** (established 1896), transitioned editorship from Dr. Deborah Fidler to Dr. Frank Symons.

AAIDD published **five** new titles and **one** translation in 2018:

- *Teaching Authentic Cooking Skills to Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Active Engagement*,
- *Community Living and Participation for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*,
- *A Systematic Approach to Person-Centered Planning*,
- *A Facilitator's Guide to Person-Centered Planning*,
- *SIS-A Annual Review Protocol: A Facilitator's Guide*, and a
- Spanish translation of the *SIS-A Brochure*.

New titles are under development for publication in 2019.

Governance

In 2018 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 approving **position statements**, **action plans**, **nominations**; and **awards**.

Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale (DABS)

In 2018, AAIDD launched the DABS™, an assessment tool for use with 4 to 21 year-olds, that provides a comprehensive standardized assessment of adaptive behavior and diagnostic information regarding "significant limitations" in adaptive behavior. The presence of such limitations is one of the criteria in diagnosing intellectual disability.

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 2018, the SIS-A has been adopted by **23** US states and Canadian provinces, and translated into **16** languages. At the close of the year, the SIS-C had been adopted by **5** US states. The SIS-A and SIS-C are being implemented in numerous locations around the world. In 2018, AAIDD supported the use of the

- *Supports Intensive Scale-Adult Version (SIS-A)*,
- *Supports Intensity Scale-Children's Version (SIS-C)*, the
- SISOnline platform, and
- Approved SIS training and quality assurance activities.

In addition, new tools are under development that will integrate with the SIS suite of assessments.

Public Policy

AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2018 by:

- Co-sponsoring the **2018 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.
- Developing **position statements**, both singly and in collaboration with other leading national organizations.
- 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.

Communications

AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2018 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.
- Social media venues, including **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, **YouTube** and **Pinterest**, to disseminate important information.

In 2018, the Association created and disseminated via social media **64 brief videos** that translated important research findings of AAIDD journal articles for the general public.

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Membership

In 2018, AAIDD actively engaged in the following activities in designed to recruit and retain members and to support internal volunteer leadership structures:

- Supported **18** unique professional **Interest Networks** that engage members on topics of special interest.
- Supported Regions and Chapters to implement the mission of AAIDD.
- Honored **10** members with the designation of **Fellow of the Association**; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.
- Recognized the milestone memberships of those with substantial continuous membership in the Association: **7** people for 50 years, **16** people for 40 years, and **27** people for 30 years of membership.
- Honored **nine** individuals with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 142nd annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

In June 2018, AAIDD held its **142nd** annual meeting of the Association in conjunction with the annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Assembly of Interest Networks.

Operations

At the end of 2018, AAIDD relocated its offices from Washington, DC to Silver Spring, MD, home to more than 50 other national nonprofits and Associations.

AAIDD Statement of Financial Activities for Years Ending December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016

	2018	2017	2016
REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Product and Service Sales	\$1,797,204	\$2,266,273	\$1,921,342
Subscriptions	\$514,420	\$556,835	\$575,322
Dues	\$164,348	\$164,812	\$201,198
Education and Training Fees	\$1,250,343	\$905,240	\$1,139,690
Grants, Awards, and Donations	\$6,532	\$10,467	\$8,661
Reprints and Royalties	\$38,693	\$44,755	\$37,670
Investment Income	(\$89,628)	\$535,290	\$295,944
Miscellaneous	\$66,300	\$38,855	\$32,049
Advertising	\$18,459	\$30,747	\$40,842
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$4,771	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$3,771,442	\$4,553,274	\$4,252,718
EXPENSES			
Products and Services	\$2,082,406	\$2,223,375	\$1,907,603
Education and Training	\$1,245,211	\$977,246	\$1,087,467
Management and Governance	\$715,039	\$620,907	\$617,705
Membership	\$245,566	\$237,493	\$244,773
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,288,222	\$4,059,021	\$3,857,548
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$459,751)	\$494,253	\$395,170
NET ASSETS—Beginning of Year	\$8,388,606	\$7,894,353	\$7,499,183
NET ASSETS—End of Year	\$7,928,855	\$8,388,606	\$7,894,353

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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.
- Enhance the effective integration of research, practice, and policy.
- 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.