

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:	Communication Disorders
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Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:	2025; Co-chair
2023-2024 Report	<p>For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.</p> <p>The primary activity for this past year was to sustain and increase connection across our members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used multiple methods to disseminate information of interest to the members (e.g., grant opportunities, job opportunities, AAIDD events).• Sponsored one SECP Scholarship.• Utilization of LinkedIn and Facebook for member communication.
2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies	<p>For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.</p> <p>Objectives and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host a network business meeting at the annual conference to actively discussion the network’s objectives, activities, and interests of members for the coming year.• Increase dissemination of topics of interest to the network members and encourage members to share their related activities, ideas, and opportunities.• Work to provide networking among members to facilitate group presentations at the next conference.• Survey members to collect bios and interests/areas of specialty to be shared across the social networking platforms.• Survey members to identify interests and ways the Communication Disorders Network can better support members.• Participation in the BRAIIN Panel Series (Bridging Research & Applications Across Interest Networks) Panel Discussion on “Supporting Communication”.

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