

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:	Education Interest Network
Lead Contact Person(s): Andrew Wojcik PhD.	
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: June 2025; Secretary	
2023-2024 Report 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. Goal: The Education Interest Network will be a dynamic and useful network for AAIDD members and potential AAIDD members. <i>Activities and Progress:</i> Objectives Disseminate information and research on education of children and youth with IDD. EIN held monthly webinar panels with experts in the areas of collaboration, research, transition, academic inclusion, and other topics recommended by members. Objective: Increase awareness of and involvement in the Education Interest Network <i>Activities and Progress:</i> Panel discussions included experts from sister organizations including the CEC's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Teacher Education Division, and TASH. Panel discussions involved 20 to 25 participants. Joint Poster Presentation at the AAIDD conference. Funds were used to invite a self-advocate to the AAIDD conference. Our guest promoted the overall inclusion of self-advocates in research and policy planning.	
2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies 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.	

Due September 4, 2024

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Objectives Disseminate information and research on education of children and youth with IDD.

Over the next two academic years (2024-25, 2025-26), we are proposing the BRAAIN Panel Series, where BRAAIN stands for Bridging Research & Application Across Interest Networks (BRAAIN). We would like to showcase the overlap between EIN and OTHER INTEREST NETWORKS by inviting other interest network members to serve as expert panelists for their network topic area. Our current plans include collaboration with the Sexual and Social Relationships, Legal Process & Public Policy, Families, and Communication Disorders interest networks. Through these panel series, we hope to increase collaboration between and membership across networks. These panel sessions will be held approximately twice per semester.

To close our 2024-25 panel series, we will host a live panel discussion comparing different definitions of intellectual disability at the 2025 June meeting of AAIDD with experts in the field, including Drs. Karrie Shogren and Colleen Thoma.

Objective: Increase awareness of and involvement in the Education Interest Network

We will use available funds to provide a scholarship for AAIDD conference attendance for a self-advocate.

We will distribute invitations to events through the LEND and UCEDD networks.

We will also promote the live panel discussion event.

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