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: Families

Lead Contact Person(s): Sheli Reynolds

Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:

June 2025: chair/co-chair

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.

2023-2024 Plan

- FIN needs to continue to define its purpose and role within AAIDD for its members and recruit new members.
- FIN attended the Social Work meeting at the annual meeting to give updates regarding Family IN, as opposed to having a stand-alone due to low/no attendance in 2023.
- Send email updates to FIN members, as warranted. FIN leadership forwarded "family" focused emails to membership about national opportunities or learning. FIN members received an email to recruit reviewers for AAIDD journal family specific articles and had 8 people volunteer.
- Sponsor 1-2 student scholarship to AAIDD Conference, as funds allow. Provided funds for annual meeting in combination with other IN.
- Represent AAIDD FIN at national conversations focusing on family support. AAIDD FIN was represented during the National Agenda on Supporting Families Best Practice Series and leadership discussions.

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.

- FIN will host a FIN membership meeting to define its purpose, identify leadership structure (co-lead, other roles), and role within AAIDD for its members
- Recruit and Engage FIN members
- Host in-person/virtual FIN member event at least once per year
- Send email updates to FIN members, as warranted
- Sponsor 1-2 student scholarship to AAIDD Conference, as funds allow
- Represent AAIDD FIN at national conversations focusing on family support