# **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: Legal Process and Public Policy (LP&PP)

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

May 2026; Co-chair(s) and 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.

- 1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network

  During 2023-24, Amy Lulinski accepted an invitation to return as co-chair of the Legal Process &

  Public Policy Interest Network. Began review of current LPPP interest network guidelines in late
  2024. This activity will continue into 2024-25.
- 2. Provide updates on current legal issues and topics relevant to LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests.

During 2023-2024, LP&PP members contributed to AAIDD in the following ways:

- Provided representation on the Arc/AAIDD Joint Policies & Positions Statements
   Committee with members reappointed in early 2023 to continue to represent AAIDD in 2024.
- Members of the interest network provided representation on 2024 Conference Proposal Review Panels, Fellowship and Awards Committees.
- Chaired, Arc/AAIDD Joint Position Statement on Heath workgroup.
- Members moderated sessions relevant to legal process & public policy topics during 2024
   AAIDD Annual Conference.
- Members contributed articles on research and policy to AAIDD journals.
- Collaborated with DSP Interest Network to identify and discuss topics of intersection between public policy implications and current direct support workforce challenges.
- 3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities. Communication with LP&PP members continued to be informal during 2024 with renewed efforts to formalize and engage interest network members in the year ahead. Due to scheduling issues, competition with other interest networks, and time constraints, the LP&PP did not hold its annual meeting at the 2024 AAIDD conference.
- 4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members

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interested in LP&PP.

In 2024, the LP&P awarded one \$600 scholarship for SECP member to attend the 2024 AAIDD conference in Louisville, KY this past year. Attended SECP Awards luncheon to recognize scholarship recipient. During 2024, the LP&PP chair continued to explore & respond to opportunities to engage with the SECP Interest Network members.

### 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.

- 1. Strengthen leadership in Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network
  - Conduct review of current interest network guidelines for elections and leadership positions and provide recommendations for review by interest network members in 2025.
- 2. Support and engage LP&PP members in association activities around current legal issues and topics relevant to the association, LP&A members to advance the LP&PP networks interests.
  - Collaborate with other interest networks to host a webinar on a topic of interest.
  - Develop & submit proposal for a pre-con session for the 2025 AAIDD Conference on topic of Mentorship in law, policy and systems change: Developing Next Gen Leaders
  - Engage network members to submit presentation proposals for the 2025 conference on intersection of mentorship in legal and public policy issues relevant to LP&PP Interest Network members.
  - Participate in annual conference proposal review process.
  - Provide representation on Arc/AAIDD Joint Policy & Position Statements Committee.
- 3. Improve communication and engagement among LP&PP members in network activities.
  - Coordinate virtual LP&PP annual membership meeting in 2024-2025.
  - Host LP&PP social gathering at 2025 Annual Conference.
  - Explore new ways to engage LP&PP interest network members such as members group on LinkedIn.
  - Review and recommend updates to LP&PP section of AAIDD website.
- 4. Strengthen engagement with student/early career professional interest network members interested in LP&PP.
  - Award one scholarship to SECP members interested in Legal Process & Public Process to support attendance at 2024 conference.
  - Provide up to 5 AAIDD memberships to the Legal Process and Public Policy Interest
    Network for students/early career professionals who are transitioning out of SECP whose
    area of study or practice focuses on disability law, policy and systems change at the state
    and or federal levels.