

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

5Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfill their purpose.  
 (See the AAIDD *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

<b>Interest Network:</b>	<b>Social and Sexual Relationships</b>				
<b>Lead Contact Person(s):</b>	Rhonda S. Black and Rebecca Kammes				
<b>Next Scheduled Election &amp; Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:</b>	Will discuss at next meeting				
<b>2023-2024 Report</b>					
For the year that <b>just ended</b> (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><b>1.Continue collaborating with other Interest Networks.</b>  <i>We did collaborate with the Education Interest Network. We will have a panel from our IN present at their webinar in October. Two other INs expressed an interest in joint webinars or web meetings: Community IN and Families IN</i></p> <p><b>2.Sponsor early career professional.</b>  <i>We did not have enough money in our budget to sponsor a full scholarship. But we did provide a \$100 merit scholarship to Oscar Hughes</i></p> <p><b>3.Appoint a secretary for the interest network.</b>  <i>Rebecca Kammes assumed the role of Interest Network Secretary.</i></p> <p><b>4.Web Roundtables (3) with presentations and discussion time.</b>  <i>We only partially met this goal. We had one web roundtable in September of 2023. Therefore, we fell short of the goal.</i></p> <p><b>5. Incubation Hour. Three sessions (3) where everyone is learning and discussing a particular topic. Invite all members to join in the discussion. Questions for thought will be sent in advance. This can also be an incubator for collaboration, sharing resources, and future presentations.</b>  <i>We did not make progress on this goal. Unfortunately, we had difficulty getting members to attend meetings. We would like to try this again next year.</i></p> <p><b>6.Increase membership and participation.</b>  <i>To generate interest, we created an agenda for all members showcasing all presentations for the 2024 Annual Conference.                  We also posted research projects .. on Facebook</i></p> <p><i>We increased our membership numbers slightly from 55 last year to 62 this year.</i></p>					
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**7. Attend an SECP meeting to let new career professionals know about the IN.**

*Our Secretary Rebecca Kammes attended an SECP meeting and presented information about our IN.*

**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. Continue collaborating with other Interest Networks.**

*Our goal is to co-present two webinars with other Interest Networks.  
We will also present who we are at other IN's business meetings*

**2. Sponsor early career professional for conference attendance.**

*We will use what money we have in our budget to support an early career professional for conference attendance.*

**3. Increase involvement of current members.**

*We would like our members to be more actively involved with the Interest Network.  
Those who were present at the Conference Business Meeting will met via zoom and continue the discussions started at the 2024 Annual Conference.*

**4. Incubation Hour. Two sessions (2) where members and others and invited to learn and discuss a particular topic. Questions for thought will be sent in advance. This can also be an incubator for collaboration, sharing resources, and future presentations.**

*Because we did not accomplish this goal in the 2023-2024 year, we would like to accomplish this in the 2024-2025 year.*

**5. Have a social event that focuses on Social and Sexual Relationships at the next annual conference.**

*We will talk with conference organizers about the logistics of having such an event. The focus will be to include self-advocates in creating the event and attending.*