

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2018

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

Interest Network: Education Interest Network

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Annual Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

Strengthening the division

- Increased participation at conference (have increased presentations and posters at conference; made good progress)
- Had a strong turnout at the Annual Conference lunch, with over 18 people attending and a lively discussion about the Interest Network group's goals.
- We created an interest group Facebook page to support ongoing communication among members as well as reach out to others.

We did not use any funds and instead had our members pay for the luncheon.

Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

Strengthening the division and AAIDD through several goals.

Policy: The Education Interest Network will develop policy briefs and work with AAIDD and other organizations (e.g., AUCD) to disseminate policy briefs that can impact policy and practice in key areas such as Medicaid cuts and its impact on students and adults with disabilities.

- Follow up on Ann and Rud Turnbull's joint position paper through some key policy and research briefs

Research: The goal is to synthesize research on the impact of inclusive education on school outcomes. Specific research questions include: what is the damage of segregating students? Is there research on inclusive education leading to inclusive adult outcomes (and on segregated education leading to segregated adult outcomes)? What impact does this practice have on students with the most significant needs and how are they included? The Interest Network will promote and facilitate the dissemination of research findings in these areas.

Communication: The Education Interest Network will enhance its communication to members and colleagues in the field by exploring the feasibility of developing a newsletter, establishing new networks, and expanding the website. The purpose of this goal is to make the Education Interest Network more visible and available to everyone.

- Complete one webinar for AAIDD (potentially on the joint position paper)

In order to further strengthen and grow our division we would like to offer scholarship (or scholarships) to graduate students whose work aligns with our interest group.

Due July 31, 2018