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.

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| **Interest Network:** Education Interest Network |
| **Lead Contact Person:** Leena Landmark, landmark@shsu.edu  |
| **Annual Report**For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. Our annual plan from last year was:*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.* A manuscript on the joint position statement of the AAIDD and The Arc on education was started.

*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.* A manuscript on the joint position statement of the AAIDD and The Arc on education was started.

*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.* Social media (i.e., Facebook) presence was strengthened and additional members “liked” the page. We did not get to finalize details for a webinar.

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. * Allison Zagona was awarded the AAIDD Student and Early Career Professional Scholarship through the Education Interest Network.

In addition to the progress made above, Deb Taub developed an Education IN Leadership Manual with suggested dates for activities based upon the AAIDD Interest Network Leadership Manual, and the Education Interest Network created a poster for the annual meeting/conference on the AAIDD and The Arc’s joint position statement on education for individuals with IDD.* Palmer, S., Williams-Diehm, K., Taub, D., & Landmark, L. (2019, June). *Implementing education, research, policy, and practice for individuals with IDD.* Poster presentation at the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 143rd Annual Meeting, The Twin Cities, MN.
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| **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.Goal: The Education Interest Network will be a dynamic and useful network for AAIDD members and potential AAIDD members.

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| Objectives | Activities | Proposed Expenditure of Funds |
| Disseminate information and research on the education of children and youth with IDD | * Post policy, practice, and research information on Facebook page and group (see next activity)
* Create a linked Facebook group to go with the Facebook page
* Submit a manuscript on the joint position statement of the AAIDD and The Arc on the education children with IDD
* Provide one webinar for AAIDD (potentially on the joint position paper or in collaboration with another Interest Network)
* Submit a presentation to AAIDD and other outlets of the joint position manuscript
 | none |
| Increase awareness of and involvement in the Education Interest Network | * Provide a scholarship to a graduate student whose work aligns with the Education Interest Network
* Hold quarterly meetings (invite all AAIDD Education Interest Network members to participate)
* Create a list of presentations on education for the annual meeting/conference and send this list to Education Interest Members for easy reference at annual meeting/conference
* Submit a proposal for an informational poster about the Education Interest Network and its priorities at the annual AAIDD meeting/conference
 | $600 for scholarship |

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