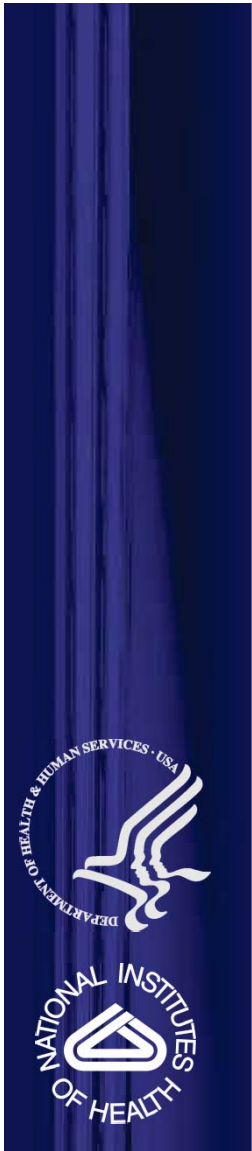




Mission, Vision, and Values for the Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research

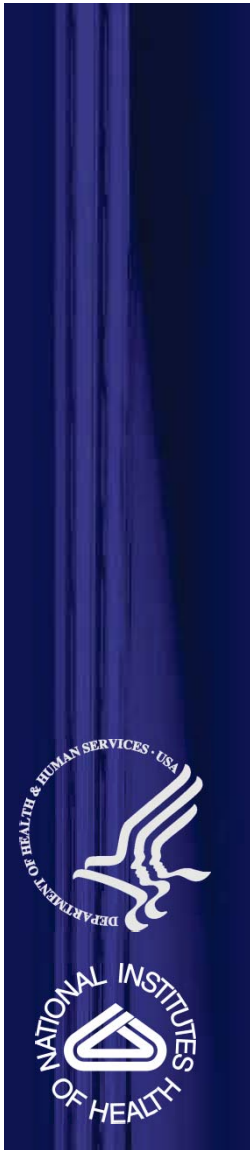
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Values (Shared principles to guide our actions)

- **Sense of Urgency** – We will focus on what steps we can take now to be responsive to the needs of individuals and families affected by ASD.
- **Spirit of Collaboration** – We will treat others with respect, listen to diverse views with open minds, and foster discussions where participants can comfortably offer opposing opinions.
- **Consumer-focused** – We will focus on making a difference in the lives of people affected by ASD, including individuals with ASD, their families, medical practitioners, educators, and scientists.



Values (Shared principles to guide our actions)

- **Excellence** – We will pursue basic and clinical research of the highest quality to protect the safety and advance the best interests of those affected by ASD.
- **Partnerships in Action** – We will value cross-disciplinary approaches, data sharing, teamwork, and partnerships with clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- **Accountability** – We will develop SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound) research objectives aligned with funding priorities and develop systems for evaluation and course corrections.

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To Define Today

Mission of the ASD Strategic Plan

- Our reason(s) for doing ASD research

Vision for the ASD Strategic Plan

- What we expect ASD research to look like in 2013
(i.e., what we want to achieve in the next five years)

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Draft Mission

- Rapidly advance our scientific and societal/practical understanding of ASD, improve health and well-being across the lifespan, and help people on the spectrum lead fulfilling and productive lives in the community through high-quality science supported by collaborative public/private partnerships
- Promote acceptance by society
- Prevent disabling symptoms, preserve unique positive qualities (optimize treatment)

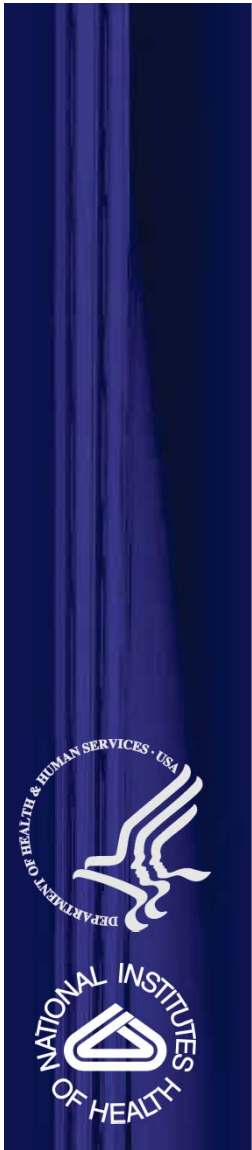


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Draft Mission for ASD Strategic Plan

- Creating opportunities, maximizing potential
- Diversity



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Example 1

- The Consortium's mission is to support a disease-based collaboration dedicated to rapidly advancing the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of autism through collaborative research to improve the care of children and families affected by autism and related disorders.

Source: Autism Consortium

<http://www.autismconsortium.org/accelerating-results/accelerating-results.html>

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Example 2

- At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders.
- We are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. We are committed to raising the funds necessary to support these goals.
- Autism Speaks aims to bring the autism community together as one strong voice to urge the government and private sector to listen to our concerns and take action to address this urgent global health crisis. It is our firm belief that, working together, we will find the missing pieces of the puzzle.

Source: Autism Speaks

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/goals.php>

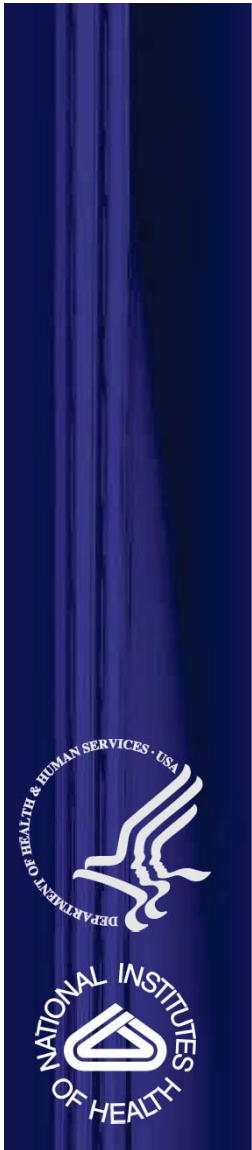


Example 3

- Vision: Improve the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder now
- Mission: Promote innovative research that advances the understanding of autism spectrum disorder and leads to improved treatment outcomes

Source: Department of Defense, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Autism, <http://cdmrp.army.mil/asdrp/default.htm>

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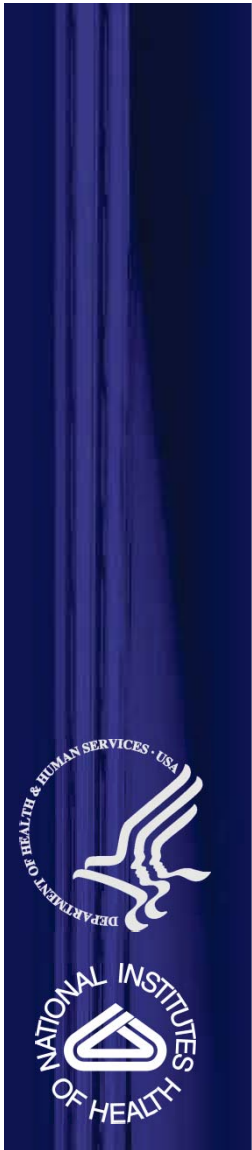
Example 4

- The mission of The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) is to understand the causes of autism and thereby improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of this and related developmental disorders.

Source: Simons Foundation

<http://www.simonsfoundation.org/autism-sfari/funding>

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Example 5

- SARRC models and promotes best practices that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders; empowers children, families and professionals with information and training; and advances discoveries that will ultimately lead to a cure.

Source: Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center
http://www.autismcenter.org/about_mission.aspx

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