

IACC Committee Business

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The Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee

- A federal advisory committee
- Established under the Children's Health Act (CHA) of 2000
- Reauthorized by:
 - Combating Autism Act (CAA) of 2006
 - Combating Autism Reauthorization Act (CARA) of 2011
 - Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support (CARES) Act of 2014

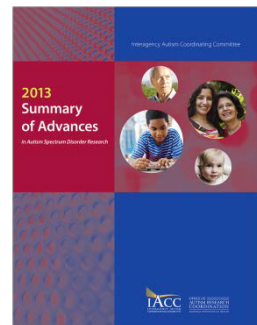
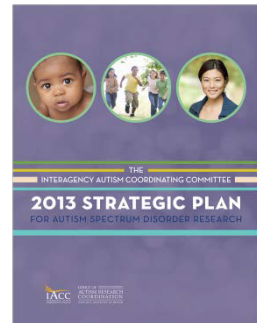
IACC Charter

The Committee's role is to:

- Coordinate efforts within DHHS and among member federal agencies, as well as member organizations concerning autism spectrum disorder.
- Provide advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters concerning autism spectrum disorder.
- Facilitate exchange of information on autism activities among the member agencies in order to enhance coordination
- Increase public understanding of the member agencies' activities, programs, policies and research.
- Serve as a public forum for discussion of issues related to autism spectrum disorder.

IACC Responsibilities

- Develop and annually update a strategic plan for ASD
- Develop and annually update a summary of advances in ASD research
- Monitor Federal activities with respect to ASD
- Make recommendations to the HHS Secretary regarding research or public participation in decisions regarding ASD



Autism CARES Act

The Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-157):

- Reauthorized the IACC to continue through September 30, 2019
- Increased membership requirements for certain categories of members; each category increased from 1 member required to 2 members required:
 - Individuals on the autism spectrum
 - Parents/legal guardians of individuals on the spectrum
 - Representatives of leading research, advocacy, and service organizations for individuals on the autism spectrum
- Incorporated a greater emphasis on services and supports into various activities of the IACC (e.g., strategic planning, monitoring of federal activities)

Autism CARES Act (cont'd)

The Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act (P.L. 113-157):

- Continues to require the IACC to prepare an annual update of the IACC Strategic Plan and a new edition of the IACC Summary of advances
- Requires that the IACC Strategic Plan continue to address research, but also include as practicable, services and supports for individuals with ASD and their families as well as recommendations to ensure that federal ASD research and services activities are not unnecessarily duplicative
- Requires that the IACC Strategic Plan and Summary of Advances be submitted to Congress and the President

What the IACC does NOT do:

The IACC is an advisory body;
therefore it does not:

- Fund research (it has no research budget) or allocate research dollars
- Control funding of federal programs
- Set policy

What the IACC Does:

- Provides advice to the HHS Secretary
 - Strategic Plan, letters, statements
- Provides coordination for federal and member organization activities
 - Strategic Plan, monitoring activities, fostering collaborations
- Identifies priorities to focus and accelerate progress
 - Strategic Plan, workshops
- Serves as a forum for public input

IACC Coordination and Monitoring

- Sharing information about agency and organization activities at meetings including:
 - New and ongoing programs, initiatives, reports
- Information about the activities of other related federal advisory committees such as:
 - Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR)
 - National Council on Disability
 - President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- Gathering and sharing data from federal agencies and private organizations

What Can Members Do?

- Plan to share important updates and reports from your agency/organization at each meeting or request time on the agenda for longer presentations
- Suggest issues and speakers for future meetings
- Identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration
- Actively contribute input to committee discussions
- Volunteer to participate in and/or lead planning group activities

IACC Core Values

- Sense of urgency
- Scientific excellence
- Spirit of cooperation
- Consumer focus
- Partnerships in action
- Accountability (SMART objectives – specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound)

“Finding common ground”

IACC Traditions

- Public comments (written and oral)
- Research and policy updates
- Committee member updates (round robin)
- Committee business (Fulfilling responsibilities required in the Autism CARES Act)

Welcome

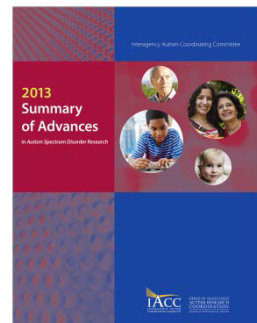
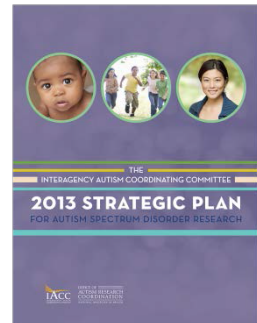
Vision Statement

The Strategic Plan will accelerate and inspire research [and services efforts] that will profoundly improve the health and well-being of every person on the autism spectrum across the lifespan. The Plan will set the standard for public-private coordination and community engagement.

IACC Strategic Plan Introduction 2011

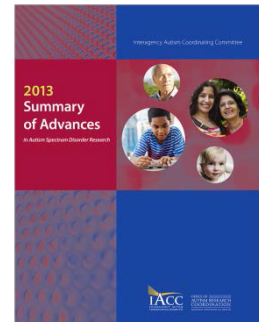
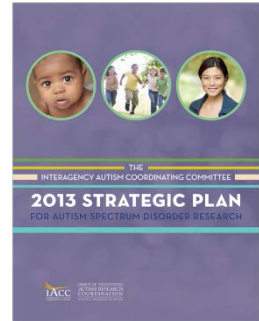
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Immediate To-Do List

- Develop an update of the IACC Strategic Plan that will cover 2014 and 2015
 - *Is it time to do a significant revision?*
 - *The new plan is required to include guidance on priorities for services and supports activities.*
- Develop two volumes of the IACC Summary of Advances in ASD Research (2014 and 2015)



IACC Subcommittees and Planning Groups

Subcommittees of the Previous IACC:

- **Basic and Translational Research**
Addressed biomedical research issues
- **Services Research and Policy**
Addressed services research and services policy issues
 - *Subcommittees must be smaller in size than a quorum of the committee*
 - *Subcommittees may form several different planning groups to focus on different tasks and activities*

Subcommittee Process:

- Chair or Co-chairs
- Members limited to IACC members
- All meetings public
- Reports/recommendations/actions subject to full IACC approval

Decisions for Today

How does the committee want to divide the subcommittees?

After the meeting:

- Which subcommittee will you serve on?
- Who will volunteer to be considered to chair subcommittees? (Later will discuss chairs for each planning group.)

Decisions for Today Part 2

Does the committee want to use the same process as previous years to develop the Summary of Advances?

- OARC provides and committee nominates peer reviewed research publications
- Up to 20 advances under each of the 7 areas of the Strategic Plan are selected by committee vote
- OARC writes short, lay-friendly summaries of the selected articles
- The 20 advances are combined into a booklet format
- If few changes, we can start this project in January

For Discussion at Next Meeting

What aspects of the Strategic Plan do we want to update?

- Update objectives as well as text?

In what format do we want to incorporate services activities?

What process do we want to use?

- Planning groups with external expert consultation?
- Other process?

Introducing OARC

- The Office of Autism Research Coordination (OARC) coordinates and manages the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) and related cross-agency autism spectrum disorder (ASD) activities, programs, and policies.
- OARC provides assistance to the IACC by:
 - Communicating information about the IACC and federal ASD research activities to Congress, other government agencies, and the public
 - Coordinating cross agency efforts

OARC - Continued

OARC assists the IACC by:

- Communicating information about the IACC and federal ASD research activities to Congress, other government agencies, and the public
- Coordinating cross agency efforts
- Planning meetings, conferences, and other IACC activities
- Facilitating the IACC strategic planning process and monitoring of ASD-related activities
- Conducting analyses and preparing reports for the IACC, Congress and others
- Gathering public input on issues related to ASD to inform the committee's work
- Developing and disseminating information about ASD to the public

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- Layout Redesign
- Tablet and mobile friendly
- New Content

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