2016-2017 IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder - Structure

The IACC Strategic Plan is Framed around 7 consumer-based Questions:

- **Question 1: When Should I Be Concerned? (Screening and Diagnosis)**

- **Question 2: How Can I Understand What Is Happening? (Underlying Biology of ASD)**

- **Question 3: What Caused This to Happen and Can It Be Prevented? (Risk Factors)**

- **Question 4: Which Treatments and Interventions Will Help? (Interventions)**

- **Question 5: Where Can I Turn for Services? (Services)**

- **Question 6: What Does the Future Hold, Particularly for Adults? (Lifespan)**

- **Question 7: What Other Infrastructure and Surveillance Needs Must Be Met? (Research Infrastructure, Surveillance, Research Workforce, Collaboration and Outreach)**

Outline for 2016-2017 IACC Strategic Plan

- **Introduction**

- **Question description and Aspirational Goal**

- **Progress toward the current SP Objectives (78 Objectives)**

For Each of the 7 Questions:

Overview of Progress in the field:

- **Research Update**

    - **Science advances**

    - **Practice to research**

    - **Gaps, opportunities, needs**

- **Services/Policy Update**

    - **New programs and policies**

    - **New research evidence that can inform policy**

    - **Services needs/gaps, needed policy changes**

- **Progress Toward the Question's Aspirational Goal**

- **Recommendations to ensure non-duplication**

- **New Strategic Plan Objectives (to replace the 78 previous objectives)**

  ~3 Broad Objectives per Question (total ~21 for whole Strategic Plan). Each broad objective will be accompanied by examples of responsive research and services projects/programs:

    – **Examples of possible broad objectives for Question 1:**

        - **Increase early detection of ASD.**

        - **Develop and improve screening tools.**

        - **Support awareness campaigns.**

        - **Provide training for providers to enhance workforce.**

        - **Reduce health disparities in diagnosis.**

        - **Increase outreach to special populations.**

        - **Develop culturally adapted screening tools.**

        - **Improve access to screening services in underserved areas**

- **Budgetary requirements for each Question or each Objective?**

- **Summary/Conclusion**