## 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

- ~3 Broad Objectives per Question (total ~21 for SP) accompanied by examples of responsive research and services projects/programs:
  - Examples (Q1):
    - 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