

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

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.

Interest Network:	Community
Lead Contact Person:	Sharon Gomez and Joanna Pierson
2022-2023 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice. Co-hosted a webinar with the Religion and Spirituality Interest Network entitled: From Assessment to Participation: Supporting Individual Preferences to Find Their Faith Community on March 15, 2023. Co-hosted a webinar with Social and Sexual Concerns and Gerontology Interest Networks entitled: Social Transitions in Later Life on March 21, 2023. The Arc of Frederick County received AAIDD's Full Community Inclusion Award. The Agency received the award from AAIDD at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2023. Provided an Early Career Professional Scholarship to a student to Emma S. Naegler of Duquesne University. Joanna Pierson presented at the Community Interest Network's Business Meeting. The presentation was entitled: Including People in Their Communities During COVID and into the Future on June 6, 2023. Sharon Gomez moderated a session at the annual meeting on June 6, 2023 entitled: Transforming the Employment Landscape in Minnesota. Joanna Pierson presented an Issue Brief at the annual meeting on June 6, 2023 entitled: Initiating a Coordinated Research Effort on the Facilitator Role. Joanna Pierson moderated a session at the annual meeting on June 7, 2023 entitled: Project Research Outcomes.	

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2023-2024 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

Conduct 2 -3 webinars in coordination with other Interest Networks, including workforce issues and diversity issues in community services systems

Develop a Community Inclusion Award to be awarded to an individual (different from the AAIDD award that is for an agency) and select an awardee for the 2024 AAIDD conference. This will require approval of the AAIDD Board of Directors once the award is developed.

Provide 2 newsletters with articles of interest to community providers.

Discuss providing an early career professional scholarship to the AAIDD conference in 2024 (\$600 in prior years).