

# Think Big



# Make Change

USING DATA TO FOSTER CHANGE IN OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM ACROSS LIFESPAN IN INDIANA

## WHAT IS THE INDIANA INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING COUNCIL (IIACC)?

Originated in 2005, the Indiana Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (IIACC) began as a state-mandated entity implementing the *Indiana Comprehensive State Plan for Autism Services*. The IIACC serves as a means for improving shared dialogue, understanding, planning and goal-setting with regards to autism services in Indiana. With oversight by the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), the Council has been facilitated by the HANDS in Autism® Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center since 2014.

## WHO ARE THE IIACC MEMBERS?

IIACC members represent the diversity of our communities, including individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families, educators, medical and mental health professionals, first responders, advocates, and a range of other community providers and stakeholders. Based on their interest and availability, they engage in a range of IIACC activities and opportunities.

### INDIANA COMPREHENSIVE STATE PLAN: GOALS

- G1:** Indiana Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (IIACC)
- G2:** Family and professional partnerships
- G3:** Early and continuous developmental and medical screening for ASD
- G4:** Access to all needed ASD health, mental, education, and social services
- G5:** Successful youth transition to adult services, work, and independence
- G6:** Adequate public / private insurance for all affected by ASD
- G7:** Justice system & public safety
- G8:** Culturally responsive implementation

More information at [IndianaNetwork.org](http://IndianaNetwork.org)

## WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS TO GET INVOLVED WITHIN AUTISM ENGAGEMENT NETWORK?

### Autism Engagement Network

Created & facilitated by HANDS in Autism®

**Goal:** Facilitate collective navigation, dissemination and implementation of products, resources, services and actions related to the needs/gaps identified through ongoing monitoring and network collaborations in supporting individuals with ASD across the lifespan.

A tripartite of IIACC, PLCs, and LCCs along with INformation network website

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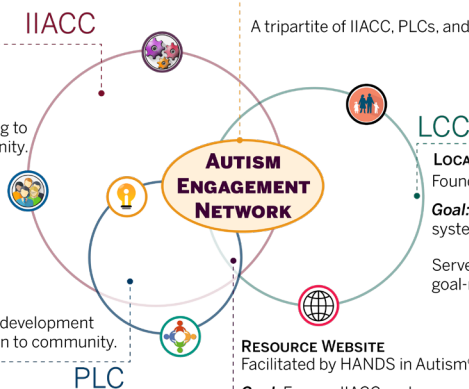
**Goal:** Facilitate efficient & effective exchange of information pertaining to ASD services & Indiana Comprehensive State Plan. Open to community.

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Facilitated by HANDS in Autism®

**Goal:** Serve as an extension of the IIACC towards increased learning, development and action related to the goals of the Comprehensive State Plan. Open to community.

Autism Engagement Network welcomes individuals with ASD, families, and professionals across diverse systems inclusive of school, medical, service, advocacy and judicial systems. Intensity of engagement depends on personal preferences and interests.



#### LCC

##### LOCAL COMMUNITY CADRES

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**Goal:** Facilitate shared awareness and support through collaboration across systems at the community level. Open to community.

Serves as a community advising group to IIACC to inform and support goal-related activities.

#### RESOURCE WEBSITE

Facilitated by HANDS in Autism®

**Goal:** Engage IIACC and community members to maintain a collaborative and easy-to-navigate system of resources related to ASD for individuals, families, and communities

### Information Network

## BE INFORMED! HOW CAN THE IIACC INFORM INDIANA?

Data is key in making decisions and formulating policies that have the potential to impact populations of individuals with ASD. The IIACC shares data focused on the community needs with legislators and other stakeholders that support individuals with ASD across the lifespan, including accessibility of supports, engagement with law enforcement, public safety, challenges and obstacles. The data is collected via the *Indiana Needs Assessment Survey* and recommendations are informed by the IIACC members.

Learn more about the Needs Assessment: [HANDSInAutism.iupui.edu/surveys.html](http://HANDSInAutism.iupui.edu/surveys.html)

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