

# Indiana Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (IIACC)



## Community Blog Submission Form

The IIACC community blog seeks to bring awareness to autism and related topics that may be of interest to communities in Indiana.

### A few considerations before you start:

#### Topic:

We encourage you to align your topic with goal areas from the Indiana Comprehensive Plan for Individuals with ASD. This will help expand information available particular to areas of priority. However, if it is not fully aligned with the goal areas, it is okay as well.

- ◆ **Goal 1:** Facilitation of IIACC Vision and Implementation
- ◆ **Goal 2:** Family and Professional Partnerships
- ◆ **Goal 3:** Early and Continuous Developmental and Medical Screening for ASD
- ◆ **Goal 4:** Access to ASD Health, Mental, Education, and Social Services For Individuals with ASD
- ◆ **Goal 5:** Successful Youth Transition to Adult Services, Work, & Independence within Inclusive Communities
- ◆ **Goal 6:** Adequate Public / Private Insurance for All Affected by ASD
- ◆ **Goal 7:** Justice System and Public Safety
- ◆ **Goal 8:** Culturally Responsive Implementation



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#### Length:

We expect the average blog to be between 500 and 1000 words to avoid overloading our readers. If you want to contribute something significantly longer, consider making it a 2- or 3-part series

#### Review Process for Objectivity:

The intent of the iNformation Network is to provide information that is accurate, objective, and reliable. As such, the IIACC community blog submissions housed on the iNformation Network will receive review by IIACC facilitators, representatives of the IIACC, and/or others, should added expertise be needed to ensure similar accuracy and reliability of submitted posts.

### Submission Process:

1. Prepare your content using the format that is best for you: The online form (<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/IIACC-Blog-Submissions>) Or this document.
2. Save the filled out PDF, and send to [HANDS@iupui.edu](mailto:HANDS@iupui.edu)
3. IIACC facilitators will do initial review and seek further review by representatives of the IIACC and/or others needed for content expertise.
4. Once finalized, with any potential edits, you will be sent a proof.
5. If you approve the proof, we will post it on the website

**HANDS in Autism® and the IIACC are committed to ensuring its materials are both accurate and accessible to everyone. If you need additional support or accommodations, please contact us.**



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# Contact Information

## Contact Person

Name

Email Address

## Author 1

Name

Role

Institution/Organization

## Author 2

Name

Role

Institution/Organization

Other authors? (include role and organization)

Social media tags to use (personal & organization's)

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# About the post

Target audience (e.g., adults with ASD looking for a job)

Preferred date for posting (e.g., before a specific holiday or awareness event)

Write a catchy title that includes your keywords (60 characters or less).

If you are not sure, or have multiple ideas, share them all:

## Choose the format that fits your topic.

**HOW-TO** step-by-step guide.

**WHAT IS** posts providing quick explanations or definitions.

**INFOGRAPHIC** posts combine data with visuals to increase comprehension.

**LIST** posts list multiple examples, resources, or tips that would interest readers.

**NEWSJACKING** posts highlight and expand on recent news that interests your readers

**PILLAR** posts represent authoritative resources to provide an in-depth understanding of a topic.

Would your submission be considered a series?

Yes

No

## Now, let's focus on the body of the post

**Abstract/Introduction:**

This will be used as promo information to advertise across social media. Consider:

1. Why the topic is important?
2. To whom it applies?
3. What you will cover?

## Body of your post

Here you can expand on your information, thoughts, and ideas. While style and focus may vary, there are several things that are always important to consider:

1. Recap of the topic and why it matters
2. Key information: examples, tips, resources, and application advice. Whether it is a step or a list item, make sure you add additional information to help your readers to make informed decisions
3. Impact for a reader OR what a reader can do now (when possible)

## Takeaways and/or Call-to-Action: Wrap it up and make it memorable

Summary

## References

List referenced items in the order they appear in your text, with the number where a citation should go in the post so we can add links.

Do you have any videos, photos, or graphic you would like to add?

If you are using photos from events, it is your responsibility to collect media consents. We will presume this has been obtained for any submissions. Please respect copyright. If you share someone else's artwork, include citations in your references. We will contact you to facilitate file transfer.

Yes

No

If you have any video/media links to embed, please include here.

## Check these before submitting

Is information clear, informative, and accessible?

Did you maintain the text at a 6th grade reading level?

Did you provide relevant, accurate, reliably cited information?

Have you checked the text for readability and spelling?

Are there at least 1-2 images?

If you use graphs or charts, will they make sense to ALL readers?

Is the post around 500-1,000 words?