

Mission, Vision, Goals and Values for the Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research

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Vision

- What we aspire to achieve in the next five years

Mission

- Our reason for doing an ASD research strategic plan

Draft Vision

The Strategic Plan will accelerate and inspire research that will profoundly improve the health and well being of every individual with an ASD access the lifespan.

Draft Mission

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to focus, coordinate, and accelerate high quality research and scientific discovery to answer the urgent questions and needs of ASD individuals and families.

Draft Goals

WHEN should I be concerned about my child's development?

All children with ASD will be identified at an early age and receive appropriate care appropriate to diagnosis

HOW can I understand what is happening with my child?

Understanding how ASD affects development will lead to targeted and personalized treatments

WHAT caused this to happen and how can this be prevented?

Causes of ASD will be discovered that lead to prevention/preemption of ASD

WHERE can I turn for services?

Communities will establish coordinated, high quality and cost effective ASD services across the lifespan

WHAT does the future hold?

Advances in treatment and public understanding will enable all people on the autism spectrum to lead fulfilling and productive lives in the community

Values

- **Sense of Urgency** – We will focus on what steps we can take now to be responsive to the needs of individuals and families affected by ASD.
- **Spirit of Collaboration** – We will treat others with respect, listen to diverse views with open minds, and foster discussions where participants can comfortably offer opposing opinions.
- **Consumer-focused** – We will focus on making a difference in the lives of people affected by ASD, including individuals with ASD, their families, medical practitioners, educators, and scientists.

Values

- **Excellence** – We will pursue basic and clinical research of the highest quality to protect the safety and advance the best interests of those affected by ASD.
- **Partnerships in Action** – We will value cross-disciplinary approaches, data sharing, teamwork, and partnerships with clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- **Accountability** – We will develop SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound) research objectives aligned with funding priorities and develop systems for evaluation and course corrections.