

From: Lyn Redwood & Alison Singer, IACC Safety Subcommittee Chairs
To: IACC Strategic Plan Planning Committee
Re: Proposed Additional Objectives for Strategic Plan

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As co-chairs of the Safety Subcommittee, we submit, for your consideration, the following additional objectives for inclusion in the 2011 strategic plan. These objectives are based on new information that was brought to the IACC's attention at its October, 2010 meeting.

Question 2: How Can I Understand What is Happening?

- New objective about the underlying biology of wandering, especially in non-verbal individuals and those with cognitive impairments – wording TBD

Question 5: Where Can I turn for Services?

- Develop and test the effectiveness of at least 2 prevention programs (such as first responder training, parent training and individual training) to reduce the occurrence of wandering-related safety incidents in people with ASD by 50% by 2014.

Question 7: What other Infrastructure and Surveillance Needs Must be Met?

- Conduct analyses using existing datasets to determine the occurrence of injuries and death for people with ASD compared to people with other developmental disabilities and the general population by 2011.
- Supplement national surveys to collect data on the occurrence, type, circumstances, potential reasons, and outcome of wandering-related incidents among people with ASDs, other developmental disabilities, and the general population by 2012.