

Meeting of the IACC

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Combating Autism Act Report to Congress (FY 2010- FY 2012)

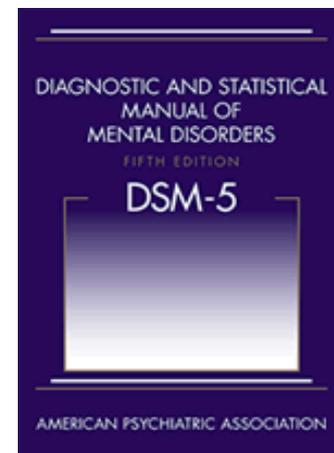


- **100+ page report encompasses information on autism-related activities and programs (research and services) of agencies and offices within HHS, Department of Education, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Defense, and National Science Foundation**
- **Released in February, 2014 and submitted to Congress per CARA**
- **Available online at www.iacc.hhs.gov**

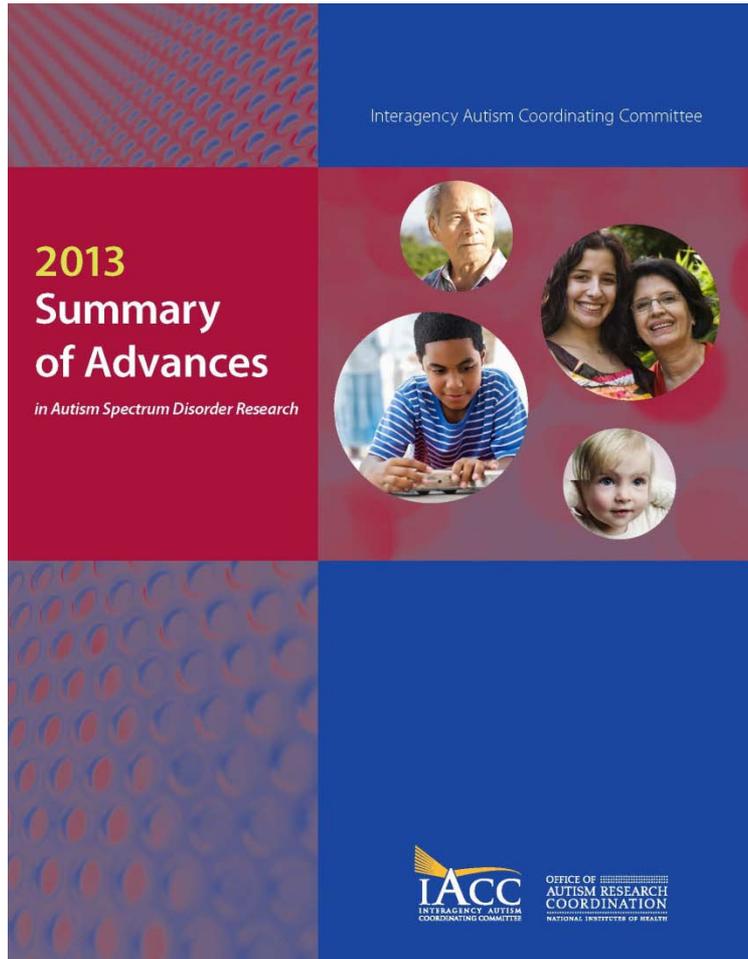
IACC Statement on DSM-5

- IACC issued a statement regarding the implications of changes in the ASD diagnostic criteria
- Addresses implications for:
 - Research
 - Practice and Policy
- Key points:
 - Committee recommended research to further assess the reliability and validity of the *DSM-5* ASD criteria, and to understand the potential impact of these new criteria on diagnosis, prevalence estimates, and access to services.

"Services should be based on need rather than diagnosis; it would not be appropriate for a child to be denied ASD-specific services because he or she does not meet full DSM-5 criteria if a qualified clinician or educator determines that the child could benefit from those services."
- www.iacc.hhs.gov/news/press_releases/2014/pr_2014_dsm5.shtml



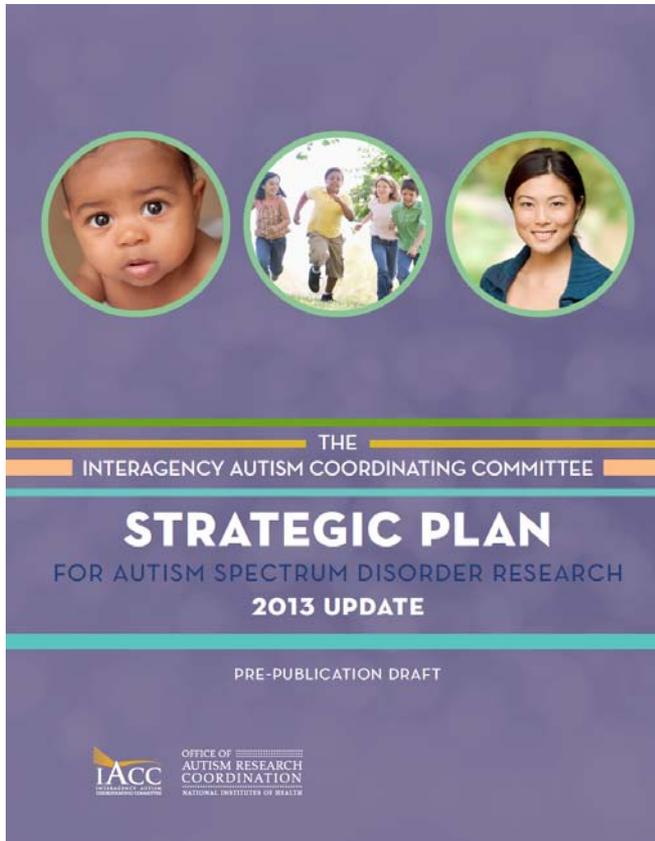
Preview: 2013 IACC Summary of Advances



- Annual publication – required by CAA
- Lay-friendly summaries of the 20 most significant advances in ASD biomedical and services research selected by the IACC
- Covers:
 - Prevalence
 - Diagnosis
 - Biology
 - Risk factors
 - Interventions
 - Lifespan issues

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Preview: 2013 IACC Strategic Plan Update



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Provides five-year update on progress toward IACC Strategic Plan goals

Includes:

- Portfolio analysis data for FY 2008-2012
- Funding allocated to each Objective of the IACC Strategic Plan
- Assessment of which objectives met, partially met, or did not meet recommended funding levels
- Assessment of:
 - Key research findings and progress
 - Remaining gaps in knowledge
 - Emerging needs and opportunities
 - Progress toward aspirational goals

State of the States of Services and Supports for People with ASD

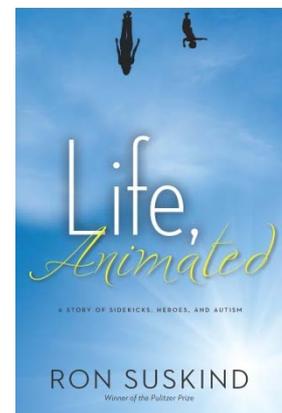
- Released by CMS, January 2014.
- Contains data on existing federal and state-level services programs/policies for people with ASD in all 50 states and D.C.
- Responded to Objective 7B of the *Strategic Plan* which reflected the need among policymakers and stakeholders for accurate and comprehensive information:
“Conduct an annual "State of the States" assessment of existing State programs and supports for people and families living with ASD by 2011.”
- Answered the following questions:
 - What are states and/or local government doing to provide services for people with ASD?
 - What are the types and supports that a person with ASD can access?
 - How are these supports and services funded?
- <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Downloads/ASD-State-of-the-States-Report.pdf>



**AUTISM'S POWERFUL AFFINITIES:
PRISON OR PATHWAY?** -RON SUSKIND



- Speaker: Ron Suskind, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author.
- Location: Lipsett Ampitheater, NIH Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH, Bethesda
- Book signing: 3-3.30pm (before the lecture) at the FAES bookstore (Building 10)
- Free and open to the general public. No prior registration is required.
- Free live webcast (www.videocast.nih.gov)



Autism Awareness Month 2014

Events

- **NICHD Conference on Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs and their Families. April 14-15, NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD**
- **NIMH Twitter Chat: “When should I be concerned?” with NIMH researchers Dr. Sue Swedo and Dr. Audrey Thurm. April 29, 2-3pm ET**
- **NIEHS Virtual Forum: Autism and the Environment. April 22, 2-3pm ET, Webcast live**

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Events continued

- **CDC Autism Awareness Event 2014: Panel, featuring Alexis Wineman, discussing challenges facing teens and adults with ASD. April 17, 5:30-7:30pm ET, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, Atlanta, GA**
- **CDC Grand Rounds - Autism Spectrum Disorder: From Numbers to Know-How. April 22, 1-2pm ET**
- **HRSA/AUCD Virtual Forum on ASD and Transition. April 30, 3-4.30pm ET**
- **HRSA/AUCD Virtual Forum on Reducing Disparities for People with ASD. May (TBD)**

GAO Letter Update

- Group of IACC Public Members sent letter to GAO on March 6, 2014
- Response letter from GAO received April 3, 2014
- Letters can be viewed at:
<http://iacc.hhs.gov/reports/index.shtml>