Vision Statement

The Strategic Plan will accelerate and inspire research that will profoundly improve the health and quality of life of every person on the autism spectrum across the lifespan. The Plan will set the standard for public-private coordination and community engagement.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to focus, coordinate, and accelerate high-quality scientific research and service provision activities in partnership with stakeholders to answer the urgent questions and needs of people on the autism spectrum and their families.

Core Values

The IACC adopted the below core values and emphasized their significance to the *2016-2017 Strategic Plan* development and implementation:

Sense of Urgency: We will focus on what steps we can take to respond rapidly and efficiently to the needs and challenges of people and families affected by ASD.

Excellence: We will pursue innovative scientific research of the highest quality and development and dissemination of evidence based services and practices to advance the interests of people affected by ASD.

Spirit of Collaboration: We will treat others with respect, listen to diverse views with open minds, thoughtfully consider public input, and foster discussions where participants can comfortably offer opposing opinions.

Consumer Focus: We will focus on making a difference in the lives of people affected by ASD, including people with ASD, their families, medical practitioners, educators, and scientists. It is important to consider the impact of research on the human rights, dignity, and quality of life of people with ASD, from prenatal development forward.

Partnerships in Action: We will value cross-disciplinary approaches, data sharing, teamwork, and partnerships to advance ASD research and service activities.

Equity: We will prioritize improved access to detection, intervention, and other services and supports for individuals with ASD, and commit to the goal of reducing disparities across the lifespan, spectrum of ability and disability, sex and gender, racial and cultural boundaries, socioeconomic status, and geographic location to improve the health and quality of life of all individuals with ASD.