

## Request for Public Comment on IACC 2016 Strategic Plan for ASD – List of Themes

<b>Question 6: Lifespan</b>	
<b>Access To Quality Adult Services</b>	Improve access to and quality of adult services, including additional research to improve evidence based services for adults
<b>Adult Diagnosis</b>	Improve access to diagnosis for adolescents and adults
<b>Community Inclusion/Integration</b>	Improve community integration/inclusion, including social isolation and community education about ASD
<b>Housing</b>	Improve the quality, accessibility of housing options
<b>Transition</b>	Improve transition services, and provide better assistance for young adults and their families during transitions
<b>Long Term/Financial Planning</b>	Long term and financial planning are a priority for research, services, and policy
<b>Assistance Navigating Services</b>	Need assistance for adults with autism and their families in navigating available adult services
<b>Qualified Workforce</b>	Need for a larger, better trained and compensated workforce for adults with ASD
<b>Quality Of Life/Health And Safety Across The Lifespan</b>	Research and services to improve health, medical care, safety and quality of life across the lifespan
<b>Vocational Training/Employment/Post-Secondary Education</b>	Research, services and policies are needed to improve vocational/employment and post-secondary education opportunities
<b>Choice/Autistic Perspectives</b>	Services and research should take into account the perspective and choices of adults and their families/caregivers
<b>Endorse Current Priorities</b>	Current priorities are all important/relevant (health and quality of life across the lifespan, aging, transition, and adult services, including education, vocational training, employment, housing, financial planning and community integration.)
<b>Focus On Early Intervention/Not Research Priority</b>	Focus should be on early intervention or developing effective treatments; adults/lifespan are not a research priority