

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

<b>Question 5: Services</b>	
<b>Early Intervention Services</b>	Access to early intervention services is a priority (this topic will be covered in Question 1 in the new SP)
<b>Disparities In Access/Services</b>	Disparities in access to services should be addressed
<b>Family Well Being</b>	Families need access to services to reduce the mental and emotional burden of caring for those with ASD
<b>Efficacious And Cost Effective Services</b>	Improve the efficacy and cost effectiveness of services and service delivery
<b>Educational Services</b>	Improve the quality and availability of services within the educational systems
<b>Service Systems/Delivery</b>	Improve the service systems and service models
<b>Access To Services</b>	Increase the accessibility and utilization of services.
<b>Coordination/Choice/Relevant Services</b>	Need better coordination between service providers, taking into account what is relevant for the individual and the choices of those with ASD and their families/caregivers
<b>Qualified Workforce</b>	Need for an adequately trained and compensated workforce to improve available services and service delivery
<b>Community Inclusion</b>	Need for better services to foster community inclusion of those with ASD
<b>Specific ASD Services</b>	Need to be more and better access to specialized services for ASD
<b>Assistance Navigating Services</b>	Parents/caregivers need assistance navigating complicated service systems.
<b>Health And Safety</b>	Prioritize services to improve the health and safety, including addressing interactions with law enforcement and wandering
<b>Community Education</b>	The broader community needs to be better educated about ASD, to lead to better understanding and inclusion
<b>Cost Of Services</b>	The cost of services is prohibitive, and research and policies are needed to reduce these barriers to access
<b>Endorse Current Priorities</b>	Current priorities are appropriate (service access and utilization, service systems, education, family well-being, efficacious and cost-effective service delivery, health and safety issues affecting children, and community inclusion)
<b>Focus On Treatment/Cause</b>	Focus on the treatment or cause of autism rather than the delivery of services