2016-2017 IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder - Structure

The IACC Strategic Plan is Framed around 7 consumer-based Questions:

- Question 1: When Should I Be Concerned? (Screening and Diagnosis)
- Question 2: How Can I Understand What Is Happening? (Underlying Biology of ASD)
- Question 3: What Caused This to Happen and Can It Be Prevented? (Risk Factors)
- Question 4: Which Treatments and Interventions Will Help? (Interventions)
- Question 5: Where Can I Turn for Services? (Services)
- Question 6: What Does the Future Hold, Particularly for Adults? (Lifespan)
- Question 7: What Other Infrastructure and Surveillance Needs Must Be Met? (Research Infrastructure, Surveillance, Research Workforce, Collaboration and Outreach)

Outline for 2016-2017 IACC Strategic Plan

- Introduction
- Question description and Aspirational Goal
- Progress toward the current SP Objectives (78 Objectives)

For Each of the 7 Questions:

Overview of Progress in the field:

- Research Update
 - Science advances
 - Practice to research
 - Gaps, opportunities, needs
- Services/Policy Update
 - New programs and policies
 - New research evidence that can inform policy
 - Services needs/gaps, needed policy changes
- Progress Toward the Question's Aspirational Goal
- Recommendations to ensure non-duplication

- ~3 Broad Objectives per Question (total ~21 for SP) accompanied by examples of responsive research and services projects/programs:
 - Examples (Q1):
 - Increase early detection of ASD.
 - Develop and improve screening tools.
 - Support awareness campaigns
 - Provide training for providers to enhance workforce
 - Reduce health disparities in diagnosis.
 - Increase outreach to special populations
 - Develop culturally adapted screening tools
 - Improve access to screening services in underserved areas
- Budgetary requirements for each Question or each Objective?
- Summary/Conclusion