Washington Autism Advisory Council
Sustainability Planning

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WAAC History

- Created under two federal Autism Grants to the Department of Health and the UW LEND Program as the Combating Autism Advisory Council
- CAAC initially organized by DOH
- Name changed to WAAC and sustained by UW LEND
- WAAC sustained by David Maltman & the DDC
- Today’s meeting – organized by the WAAA
“Promote a coordinated statewide system of services and supports for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.”
1. Build a Washington State infrastructure and scaffolding to strengthen sustainable services and supports for individuals with ASD.

2. Improve understanding, knowledge and access to evidence-based services for children with ASD and their families.

3. Promote evidence-based training, information dissemination, and support services for families, including transition issues.


5. Pursue legislative and agency changes.
WAAC Sustainability

- Should the WAAC continue?
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- Should the structure of the WAAC change?
WAAC Sustainability Efforts Needed

- Lead a planning group with periodic planning calls
- Organize the logistics of an annual event
  - Secure the site
  - Plan the agenda
  - Organize speakers
  - Prepare hand-outs
  - Provide refreshments?
- Champion follow-up for any action items that result from the conference
What organization is in a position with staff to carry on the planning of this effort?
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