



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



WAAC Mission from 2012

“Promote a coordinated statewide system of services and supports for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.”



WAAC Priorities from 2012

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.
4. Maintain and expand community asset mapping activities in Washington State communities.
5. Pursue legislative and agency changes.



WAAC Sustainability

- Should the WAAC continue?



WAAC Sustainability

- 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



WAAC Sustainability

- What organization is in a position with staff to carry on the planning of this effort?



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