

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

High Impact Autism Research

1. Funded 16 new grants to study the causes of autism and develop treatments.
2. Recruited the first 25 families to participate in the Next Gen Sibs Project, which studies autism recurrence risk in the children of unaffected siblings.
3. Doubled the number of Profound Autism Pilot Grants awarded.

Stakeholder Education

1. Our 11th annual Day of Learning brought families and scientists together to discuss autism clinical trial readiness.
2. Developed and hosted a new special interest group focused on managing severe, intense and challenging behaviors in people with autism.
3. Launched a national online Siblings Support Group offering professional mental health counseling.

Strong Voice for Science

1. Persuaded Congress to include profound autism research in the Autism CARES Act.
2. Successfully advocated for a new "profound autism" track at the International Meeting for Autism Research.
3. Expanded the Alliance for Genetic Etiologies in Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Autism (AGENDA) to include 44 patient advocacy groups and provided oversight and support for collaborative work.

