

NIMH Requests Comments on Autism Efforts

On behalf of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), the National Institute of Mental Health has issued two Requests for Information (RFI):

Response Due 9/19/08 : Priorities for the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Services Subcommittee for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) The IACC is interested in receiving your input and ideas about high-priority questions and issues surrounding services and supports to people with ASD of all ages, and specific research initiatives on ASD services and supports. Please see the official RFI notice at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-08-016.html>

for more information and instructions for responding by the deadline of September 19, 2008. Responses should be directed to iaccservices@mail.nih.gov

Response Due 9/30/08: IACC Draft Strategic Plan for ASD Research is Available for Comment. The purpose of this time-sensitive RFI is to seek comments on the draft Strategic Plan from ASD stakeholders such as individuals with ASD and their families, autism advocates, scientists, health professionals, therapists, educators, officials of state and local programs for ASD, and the public at large. Please see the official RFI notice NOT-MH-08-021 at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-08-021.html>

for more information and instructions for responding by the deadline of September 30, 2008. Responses should be directed to iacc@mail.nih.gov. Please note: The draft

Strategic Plan does not include cost estimates for implementation. However, the IACC has formed a workgroup to advise the IACC about the budgetary requirements needed to fulfill the research objectives described in the draft Strategic Plan. The IACC will review the workgroup recommendations at its next meeting on November 21, 2008.

For more information about the IACC, please see <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/recurring-meetings/iacc/index.shtml>