



Easy Read Edition

Autism Research and the IACC: Your Voice Matters!

**Part 10: What happens after I
send in my public comment?**

Words to Know in Part 10



Public comments

Ideas people send to the government. People tell the government what they think the government should do.



Research

A way that people learn new things about the world. Research happens when people try to answer questions or solve problems.



Researchers

People who do research as their job.



The IACC

A group of people chosen by the government. They help decide what autism research the government will pay for. IACC stands for “Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee”.

What happens after I send in my public comment?



You won't hear anything back from the IACC when you send your comment.



You might not hear back from the IACC at all.



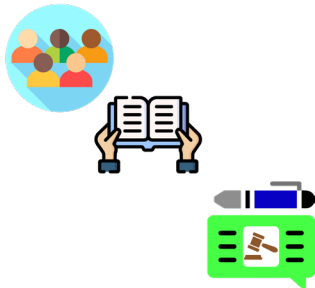
But your public comments will still get seen.



The IACC meetings are not that long.



There isn't time to read everyone's public comments at the meeting.



But the IACC has to read every public comment people send in.



The IACC will read the comments before the meeting.



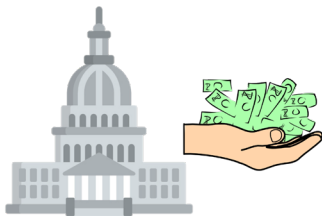
They will think about the comments during the IACC meeting.



They will tell the government about the comments.



Your comments can affect what the IACC tells the government.



Your comments can affect what autism research the government pays for!



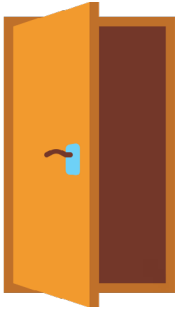
The IACC may also post your public comment on their website.



Be sure you are okay with that before sending in your comment.



If you would like to watch the IACC meetings, you can check [the IACC website](#).



The IACC meetings are open for everyone.



They get live streamed on the IACC website.



The IACC meetings can be difficult to understand.



Try talking to advocacy groups that care about autism research.



They can help you understand more about what happens during the meeting.



Keep checking the IACC website.



Keep checking websites of autism groups.



They will tell you about more chances to advocate for good autism research.



You can keep making a difference in autism research.



Research about autism happened without listening to us for a long time.



And today, many researchers still don't listen to us.



Policies got made without asking what would help autistic people.



Now is our chance to stop that from happening any more.

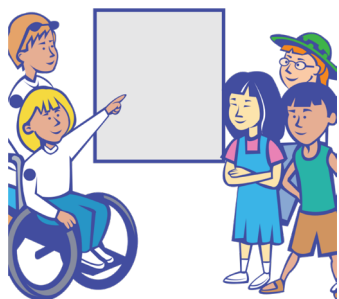


But we have to make our voices heard.

That starts by talking to people like the IACC.

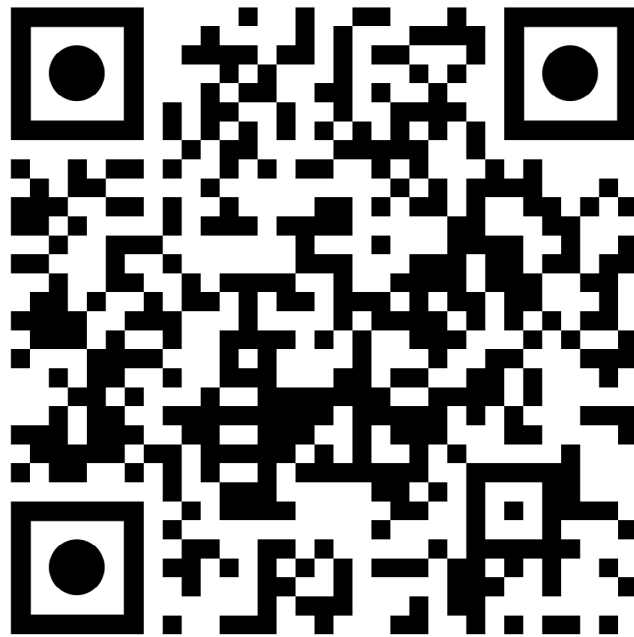


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