

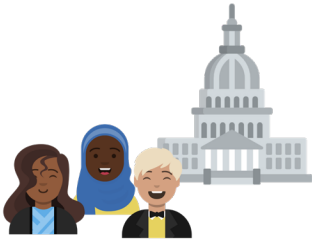


*Easy Read Edition*

# **Autism Research and the IACC: Your Voice Matters!**

## **Part 6: What is the IACC?**

# Words to Know in Part 6



## Federal members

IACC members who work for the U.S. government.



## Policy

A rule or law the government makes.



## Public members

IACC members who do not work for the U.S. government.



## 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

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## What is the IACC?

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We call them the “IACC” for short.



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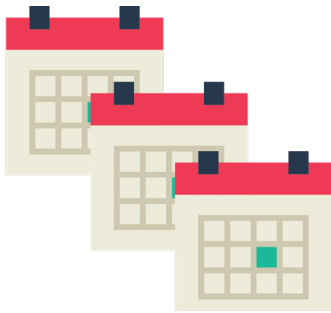
They help decide what autism research the government will pay for.



The U.S. government sets aside some money for autism research.



The IACC helps them decide how to spend that money.



The IACC meets every 3 months.



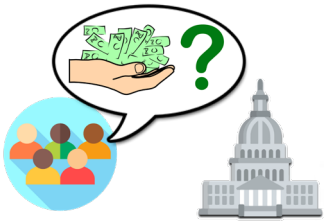
They look at autism research projects being done now.



They talk to autism researchers about what the projects found out.



They ask researchers to focus on certain kinds of autism research projects.



They ask the government to pay for certain kinds of autism research projects.



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The IACC has 43 people on it.



There are lots of different kinds of people on the IACC.

There are:



- People who work for the government



- Autism researchers



- People who give autistic people health care



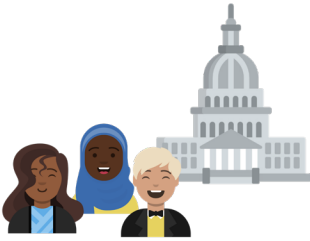
- Autistic self-advocates



- Parents of autistic people



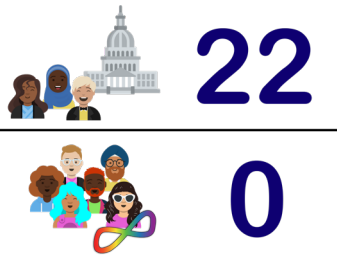
- People who work for autism groups



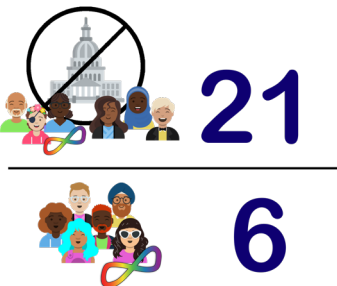
Some IACC members work for the U.S. government. They are called **Federal members**.



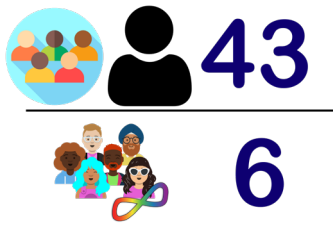
Some IACC members do not work for the U.S. government. They are called **public members**.



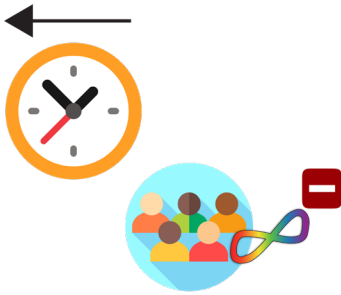
There are 22 Federal members. None of the Federal members are autistic.



There are 21 public members. 6 of the public members are autistic.



That means 6 out of the 43 total IACC members are autistic.



That is more autistic people than there used to be.

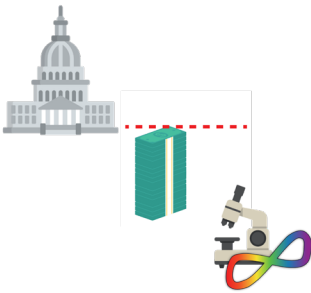


But we still think the IACC should have more autistic members.

What the IACC does is really important!



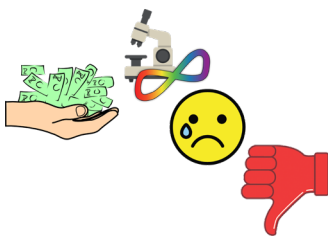
The government has a set amount of money for autism research.



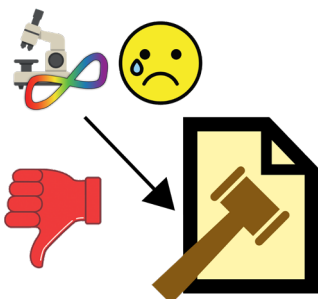
They should pay for research that helps autistic people.

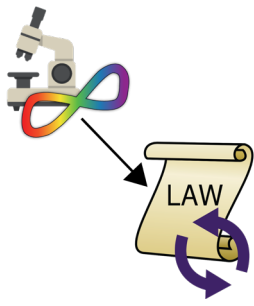


It would be bad if the government paid for research that hurts us!



It would be extra bad if that research affected policy later on.





Remember, research can change the rules and laws the government makes.



That could make life a lot harder for autistic people.



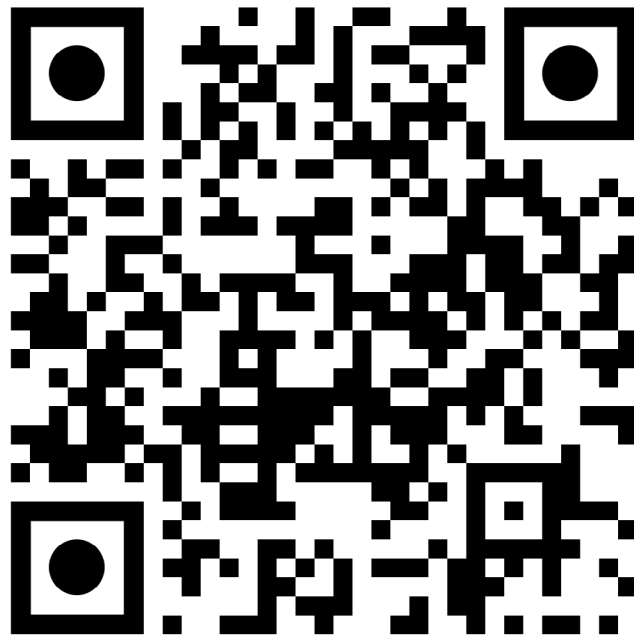
Talking to the IACC is the best way to make your voice heard.



You can help the IACC learn what autistic people want researched!

Want to share your thoughts on  
this toolkit?

Take our survey!



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