



Easy Read Edition

Autism Research and the IACC: Your Voice Matters!

**Part 7: How can I talk to the
IACC?**

Words to Know in Part 7



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

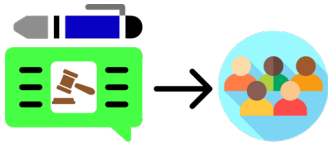
People who do research as their job.



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”.

How can I talk to the IACC?



You can talk to the IACC by sending in a public comment.



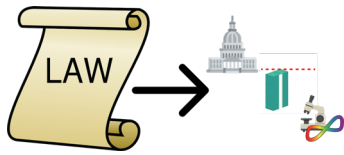
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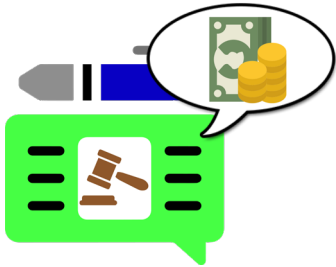
People tell the government what they think the government should do.



They tell the government how they think a certain law or rule should work.



The money set aside for autism research got set aside because of a law.



That means people can make public comments about that money.



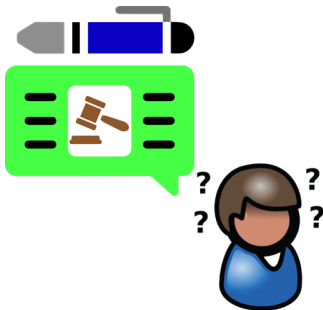
They can tell the government how they think the money should get spent.



Usually, everyday people don't send in public comments.



Most people don't even know what a public comment is!



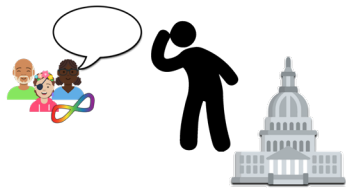
Sending in a public comment can be confusing.



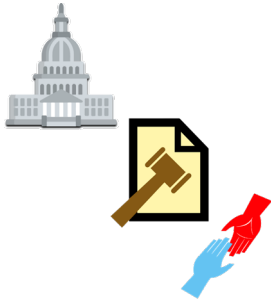
But that's why sending in public comments is so important.



The government needs to hear from people it doesn't usually hear from.



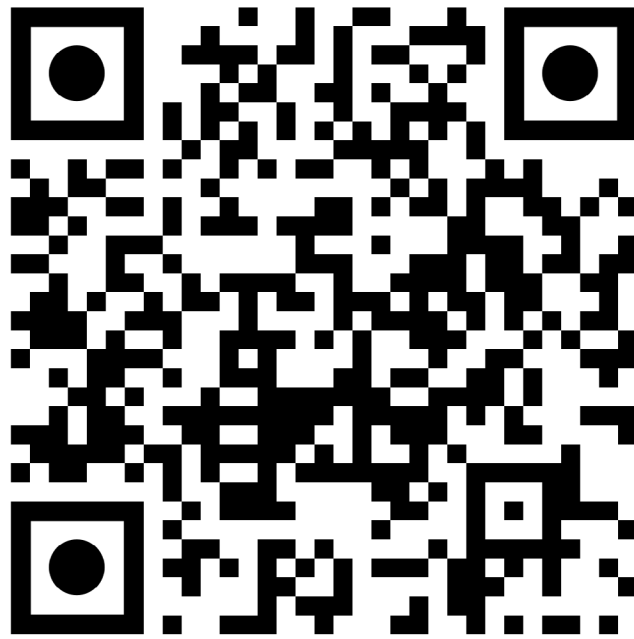
The government needs to hear from everyday autistic people.



That is how the government can make policies that help us.

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