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Organization Name	Advocacy Without Borders
EIN	86-1882557
Form Type	Form 990PF
Tax Year	2023

Return of Private Foundation

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation
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2023

Open to Public Inspection

For the calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning January 01, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023

Name of foundation: Advocacy Without Borders
A Employer identification number: 86-1882557
Number and street: 7616 BRANFORD PL STE 220
Room/suite:
B Telephone number: (281) 301-5301
City or town: SUGAR LAND, TX 77479
C If exemption application is pending, check here
G Check all that apply: Initial return, Final return, Address change, Initial return of a former public charity, Amended return, Name change
D 1. Foreign organizations, check here
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation
H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year: \$0
J Accounting method: Cash
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Revenue (1-12), Operating and Administrative Expenses (13-26), and Summary (27-29).

Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	100,000		
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12 Investments—mortgage loans				
13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
15 Other assets (describe)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	100,000	0	0	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	100,000		
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	100,000	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions			
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
29 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		0		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	100,000	0		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	0
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	6	0

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.				(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2		
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		3		

Part V Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), or 4948—see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter:(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		1	0
b All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	0
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		4	0
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2023 estimated tax payments and 2022 overpayment credited to 2023	6a		0
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		0
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		0
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7		
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		0
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		0
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		0
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2024 estimated tax Refunded	11		0

Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ <u>0</u> (2) On foundation managers. \$ <u>0</u>		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ <u>0</u>		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. TX		
8b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2023 or the tax year beginning in 2023? See the instructions for Part XIII. If "Yes," complete Part XIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address https://advocacywithoutborders.org/public-inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 The books are in care of <u>Morenike Giwa Onaiwu</u> Telephone no. <u>(281) 301-5301</u> Located at <u>7616 BRANFORD PL , STE 220 , SUGAR LAND , TX</u> ZIP+4 <u>77479</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16 At any time during calendar year 2023, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

Table with columns for question ID, description, Yes, and No. Rows include 1a(1) through 4b, covering various activities like engaging in sales, borrowing money, and holding business interests.

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Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required *(continued)*

5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:		Yes	No
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	5a(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	5a(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	5a(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d) (4)(A)? See instructions.	5a(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	5a(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions.	5b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
d If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).	5d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	6a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.	6b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	7a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
Morenike Giwa Onaiwu In c/o Advocacy Without Borders ,77 Sugar Creek Center Blvd Ste 600 ,Sugar Land ,TX 77478	President 35	0	0	0
Leslie Raneri In c/o Advocacy Without Borders ,77 Sugar Creek Center Blvd Ste 600 ,Sugar Land ,TX 77478	Vice President & Secretary 2	0	0	0
Amina Sam In c/o Advocacy Without Borders ,77 Sugar Creek Center Blvd Ste 600 ,Sugar Land ,TX 77478	Director 1	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000				

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		

Part VIII-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 See Statement	
2 See Statement	
3 See Statement	
4	

Part VIII-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions. 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part IX **Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	0
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	0
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	0
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	0
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	0
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	6	0

Part X **Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2023 from Part V, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2023. (This does not include the tax from Part V)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	7	

Part XI **Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	89,091
b	Program-related investments—total from Part VIII-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	4	89,091

Part XII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2022	(c) 2022	(d) 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Part X, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2023:				
a Enter amount for 2022 only				
b Total for prior years: 20 ____, 20 ____, 20 ____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023:				
a From 2018				
b From 2019				
c From 2020				
d From 2021				
e From 2022				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2023 from Part XI, line 4: \$ _____				
a Applied to 2022, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2023 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2023 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2022. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2023. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2024				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2018 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2019				
b Excess from 2020				
c Excess from 2021				
d Excess from 2022				
e Excess from 2023				

Part XIII Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VI-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2023, enter the date of the ruling 02/03/2021

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2023	(b) 2022	(c) 2021	(d) 2020	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed	0	0	16	0	16
b 85% (0.85) of line 2a	0	0	14	0	14
c Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4, for each year listed	89,091	88,385	2,400	0	179,876
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0	0	0	0	0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	89,091	88,385	2,400	0	179,876
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	0	0	0	0	0
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6, for each year listed	0	131	11	0	142
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)	0	0	0	0	0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization	0	0	0	0	0
(4) Gross investment income	0	0	0	0	0

Part XIV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

- 1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
- a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
N/A
- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.
N/A
- 2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
- Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.
- a** The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
- b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
- c** Any submission deadlines:
- d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XIV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				

a Paid during the year

See Statements

Total	3a 515
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b Approved for future payment

Total	3b
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Schedule B
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of the organization
Advocacy Without Borders

Employer identification number
86-1882557

Organization type (check one):

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| Filers of: | Section: |
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () organization |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
 Advocacy Without Borders

Employer identification number
 86-1882557

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
1		\$ 75,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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Statement name: **Amendment - Item G**

Correction of errors in Part I and Part IV.

Statement name: **Accounting Fees - Part I Line 16b**

Explanation:	QuickBooks software
Expenses per books:	\$75
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$75
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Statement name: **Other Professional Fees - Part I Line 16c**

Explanation:	INSAR Annual Membership Dues
Expenses per books:	\$220
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$220
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Statement name: **Other Expenses - Part I Line 23**

Explanation:	Professional Development, Technology & Disability Accommodations
Expenses per books:	\$10,000
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$10,000
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Explanation:	Grant Station Annual Fee
Expenses per books:	\$99
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$99
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Statement name: **Part VIII-A Direct Charitable Activities**

Explanation:	Coordinating meaningful community engagement and multimodal knowledge and resource dissemination. This activity included conducting in-person and/or virtual round table/discussions, panels, resource reveals, etc., as well as researcher and clinician outreach, digital humanities, public pedagogy, and supporting community leadership efforts relevant to activist burnout and resilience. 30 such activities were completed and six collaborative peer reviewed articles were published, including Open Access versions that are accessible to the public. (See attached report.)
Amount:	\$77,500

Explanation:	Expert and/or advisory support to commissions, task forces, groups, etc. that interface with disenfranchised communities; collaborative participatory research engagement with an emphasis on disability justice and neurodiversity. This includes, but is not limited to peer researcher, community collaborator, and co-investigator roles in clinical and social science projects. (See attached report.)
Amount:	\$11,250

Explanation:	Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility training for a broad range of organizations. Training topics include neurodiversity, intersectionality, racial justice, and gender equity. Trainings are provided to corporations, K-12 schools, universities, nonprofits, hospitals, employee resource groups, etc. (See attached report.)
Amount:	\$11,250

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Grants and Contributions Paid during the year - Part XIV Line 3a - Payments to organizations

S. No.	Name	Address	Foundation status	Expense per book	Disbursements for charitable purposes
1	Kind Theory	730 F Ave, Suite 220, Plano, TX 75074	PC	\$125	\$0

Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Kind Theory Operations Funds**

2	Foundations for Divergent Minds	500 North Central Expressway, Suite 500, Plano, TX 75075	PC	\$390	\$0
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Health and Wellness Initiatives**

Researcher and Clinician Outreach Summary, 2023

2023 Published Journal Articles (six)

1. *A Neurodiversity-Oriented Approach to Address Autism Wandering as a "Problem Behavior" in Pediatrics*: doi: [10.7759/cureus.40862](https://doi.org/10.7759/cureus.40862); PubMed PMID: [37492814](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37492814/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC10363653](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PMC10363653/) **CC-BY 4.0 (Open Access)**
 - a. Hotez E, Giwa Onaiwu M. A Neurodiversity-Oriented Approach to Address Autism Wandering as a "Problem Behavior" in Pediatrics. *Cureus*. 2023 Jun;15(6):e40862. doi: 10.7759/cureus.40862.
2. *Anti-ableist language is fully compatible with high-quality autism research: Response to Singer et al.*: doi: [10.1002/aur.2928](https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.2928). PubMed PMID: [37087601](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37087601/).
 - a. Natri, HM.; Abubakare, O; Asasumasu, K; Basargekar, Abha; B, et al., Anti-ableist language is fully compatible with high-quality autism research: Response to Singer et al. (2023). *Autism Res*. 2023 Apr;16(4):673-676. doi: 10.1002/aur.2928.
 - b. <https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/3vjng> (Open Access preprint of article) **CC-BY 4.0 (Open Access)**
3. *Centering the Inner Experience of Autism: Development of the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits*: doi: [10.1089/aut.2021.0099](https://doi.org/10.1089/aut.2021.0099); PubMed PMID: [36941856](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36941856/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC10024271](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PMC10024271/).
 - a. Ratto AB, Bascom J, daVanport S, Strang JF, Anthony LG, Verbalis A, Pugliese C, Nadwodny N, Brown LXZ, Cruz M, Hector BL, Kapp SK, Giwa Onaiwu M, Raymaker DM, Robison JE, Stewart C, Stone R, Whetsell E, Pelphrey K, Kenworthy L. Centering the Inner Experience of Autism: Development of the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits. *Autism Adulthood*. 2023 Mar 1;5(1):93-105. doi: 10.1089/aut.2021.0099. **CC-BY 4.0 (Open Access)**
4. *Improving autism identification and support for individuals assigned female at birth: clinical suggestions and research priorities*: doi: [10.1016/S2352-4642\(23\)00221-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(23)00221-3). Review. PubMed PMID: [37973254](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37973254/). **Note: Open Access is not allowed for Viewpoint articles in this journal.**
 - a. Lai MC, Amestoy A, Bishop S, Brown HM, Giwa Onaiwu M, Halladay A, et al. Improving autism identification and support for individuals assigned female at birth: clinical suggestions and research priorities. *Lancet Child Adolesc Health*. 2023 Dec;7(12):897-908. doi: 10.1016/S2352-4642(23)00221-3. Review.
5. *Short report: Recommendations for education, clinical practice, research, and policy on promoting well-being in autistic youth and adults through a positive focus on sexuality and gender diversity*: doi: [10.1177/13623613231188349](https://doi.org/10.1177/13623613231188349). PubMed PMID: [37530121](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37530121/).
 - a. Dewinter J, Onaiwu MG, Massolo ML, Caplan R, Van Beneden E, Brörmann N, et al. Short report: Recommendations for education, clinical practice, research, and policy on promoting well-being in autistic youth and adults through a positive focus on sexuality and gender diversity. *Autism*. 2023 Aug 2;;13623613231188349. doi: 10.1177/13623613231188349. **CC-BY 4.0 (Open Access)**

6. *Racial/Ethnic Differences in Psychiatric and Medical Diagnoses Among Autistic Adults*: doi: [10.1089/aut.2021.0083](https://doi.org/10.1089/aut.2021.0083); PubMed PMID: [36601333](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36601333/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC9807255](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PMC9807255/).
 - a. Ames JL, Morgan EH, Onaiwu MG, Qian Y, Massolo ML, Croen LA. Racial/Ethnic Differences in Psychiatric and Medical Diagnoses Among Autistic Adults. *Autism Adulthood*. 2022 Dec 1;4(4):290-305. doi: 10.1089/aut.2021.0083. **CC-BY 4.0 (Open Access)**

2023 Book Chapter (one)

Springer Nature book chapter called *Integrating Neurodiversity & Disability Rights into Primary Care* (DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-43827-6) for the revised edition of "Care of Adults with Chronic Childhood Conditions"

As mentioned in the current edition, "This book is for the practicing adult healthcare provider—either generalist or specialist. For primary care physicians, this book provides a new framework for thinking about care of young adults and identifying opportunities to impact patient health outcomes over a life trajectory. For others, this book serves as a reference with approaches for caring for young adults with specific childhood conditions." <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/978-3-319-43827-6.pdf>

2023 INSAR Presentations (four)

<https://www.autism-insar.org/page/INSAR2023AnnualMeetingArchives>

1. *A Systematic Review of Assent Practices in Research that Establish Evidence-Based Practice for Autistic Individuals*. [Poster presentation]. International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) 22nd Annual Conference.
2. *Co-Production of a Research Training Protocol for Autistic Community Partners*. [Poster presentation]. International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) 22nd Annual Conference.
3. *Promoting Well-Being in Autistic Youth and Adults Through a Positive Focus on Sexuality and Well-Being*. [Poster presentation]. International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) 22nd Annual Conference.
4. *Obstetric, Reproductive Health, and Pregnancy Experiences in Autism*. [Panel discussion & presentation]. International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) 22nd Annual Conference.

Community Engagement & Dissemination Activities, 2023

- Coordination of community resource dissemination via several strategies. Indicators of progress will include three public webinars, two round table/discussion panels, and one resource reveal.
- Coordination of meaningful community involvement. Indicators of progress will include identifying and supporting community leadership efforts relevant to activist burnout and resilience.

(*Indicates actual presentation/document itself is hyperlinked)

1. [Advocate Today](#). Neurodivergence in BIPOC & LGBTQ+ Communities and the common myths about Autism. *https://youtu.be/aicD_642IAI?si=vDHMWyq8y3dCuMs
2. [Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange](#). *<https://youtu.be/A67vFqigQdo?si=ZhRJij32xAAepYLr>. Autism & Neurodiversity 101: Providing permanency for autistic children/teens. (English & Spanish)
3. [All Neurotypes](#). When neurodivergence is used to excuse harmful behaviors. *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AS7EyMDzRXI&t=1s>
4. [Black Information Network](#). Black, Autistic and Safe Part 2: Police Encounters. *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FftYyj9ja0o>
5. [UPitt Autism Center of Excellence](#). Suffering in Silence: Suicidality in Neurodiverse Communities of Color. *<https://youtu.be/B1yq7D1wF8A?si=qyNKc4ppoAshWNhK>
6. [Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee \(IACC\)](#). Community Perspectives on Mental Health Needs in Autism. [World Mental Health Day](#). *<https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/iacc-meetings/2023/full-committee-meeting/october11/>
7. [State Public Health Autism Resource Center \(SPHARC\)](#), 2023 Autism Acceptance Month: Celebrating Autistic Joy. *<https://youtu.be/CCGGd7sGyhc?si=NRa0KoAl0m8WVWRf>
8. Crash Consulting podcast. Lived Expertise > Degrees. *<https://lived-expertise-degrees.pinecast.co/episode/4ca39376/interview-with-mor-nike-giwa-onai-wu-advocate-public-speaker-writer>
9. Diverse Society of Women Engineers podcast. Championing Inclusion: *<https://swe.org/podcast/episode/ep-241-championing-inclusion-with-global-activist-scholar-more-nike-giwa-onaiwu/>
10. National Council for Severe Autism, Autism Confidential podcast & blog. Autism Advocacy: Bridging the Divide. *https://youtu.be/Xjb_pjf55D0?si=Ib13wY5p_9akE_hs
11. Bank of America. Neurodiversity and DEIB Report. *<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/neurodiversity-in-the-workplace>
 - a. *https://business.bofa.com/content/dam/flagship/workplace-benefits/id20_0905/document/s/neurodiversity.pdf
12. Centre for Autism Services Alberta Student Group Conference. Autism & Culture. <https://www.cfasa.ca/cfasa-annual-conference>
13. Brilliant Minds Collective. Disability & RACE: The Intersectionality Between Identity and Disability Advocacy. <https://brilliantmindscollective.org/>
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disability-race-intersectionality-between-identity-disability-advocacy-tickets-698047718517>
14. Gifted Homeschoolers Conference. How to support your multi-exceptional child. <https://ghflearners.org/>

Advocacy Without Borders' Engagement & Dissemination, 2023

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15. Discussion w/Nick Ostosh, BCBA. Mitigating harm to nonspeaking autistic community re joint live between him & NeuroClastic. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ7FzR0eH0c>;
<https://www.youtube.com/@understandingbehavior/community>
16. Association for Autism and Neurodiversity (AANE). Simpatico Autistic adult mentor project. <https://www.aane.org/simpatico/>
17. Black Girl Lost Keys. Life with Lost Keys podcast. Racism in neurodivergent communities. <https://blackgirllostkeys.com/>
18. Dr Laura Montanero, meeting. Department of Government at the University of Essex
 - a. Clarification about a proposed interpretation of theory of self-appointed representation. <https://www.essex.ac.uk/people/monta64809/laura-montanaro>
19. Rice University Alternative Spring Break Training. <https://ccl.rice.edu/asb-sl>
 - a. Provided training to ASB leadership & student team members on topics related to neurodiversity, intersectionality, and neurodivergence in higher education.
20. Urban Collaborative, Feb 2023. Partnerships for inclusion. <https://www.urbancollaborative.org/>
 - a. Theme: Taking Action: Anti-Racist District Partnerships
21. Autism Society of Iowa's Profound Autism Conference, March 2023. <https://autismia.com/>
 - a. Profound Autism Conference. <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejlkvirfaf5c70bc&llr=tapetldab>
22. Trust and Reciprocity Seminar, Sept 2023: Building research partnerships with scholars and community partners on the autism spectrum. ADJAI. <https://paautism.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TrustReciprocitySeminar-copy.pdf>
23. Autism Society: Learning Session: Impact of Words in the Autism Community (addressing stigmatizing language). <https://autismsociety.org/>
24. The Sankofa Parent Support Group Presentation at UC Davis <https://sankofafsn.com/> (Network for parents and caregivers of Black children with disabilities whose goal is to empower parents to become strong advocates for the needs of their child.)
25. Axial study, autism & GI: Community consultation on phase 2 trial about autism gastrointestinal issues, and irritability. <https://www.axialtx.com/asd> with [The Color of Autism Foundation](#)
26. Meeting for Disabled on Campus edited collection. Collecting/sharing our stories, with Liz Norrell. Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (Ole Miss) The University of Mississippi. <https://cetl.olemiss.edu>
27. Global Autistic Task Force on Autism Research, Lancet Meeting with Commission Leadership Team to express concerns over lack of BIPOC autistic representation and perspectives. <https://gatfar.org/>; <https://www.thelancet.com/commissions/autism>
28. Profound Autism Alliance: Community consultation: <https://www.profoundautism.org/>
29. Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) March 2023, Developmental Disabilities, Autism, Family Support Task Force Meeting: https://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=1 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
30. Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) April 2023, Developmental Disabilities, Autism, Family Support Task Force Meeting: https://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=1 Budget; appropriations: Autism CARES Act; CDC ADDM network

2023 Annual Report

January 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Wrote Forward in a book addressing autism parents.
- Discussed research and scholarly work regarding language used around autism in academic circles.
- Consulted and joined the Advisory Board for research through Children's National Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence.
- Board Meetings.
- Book Club for Lovevery featuring *Sincerely Your Autistic Child*.
- University of Michigan roundtable.
- Advised for Rice University's Alternative Spring Break program.

Publication

- ★ As a contributing author, published the Forward in *I Will Die on this Hill: Autistic Adults, Autism Parents, and the Children Who Deserve a Better World*.
January 19, 2023.

Roles & Expansion of Prax

Research:

- ★ Scholarly discussion about autism and language. A push for neutral language around autism and neurodivergence has met resistance from the old guard establishment of autism research, which takes a negative/deficiency perspective on neurodivergence. As a result, Dr. Onaiwu has participated in several events and research endeavors regarding language and how autism is described (acceptably) within academia.
 - Discussion with Amy Lutz of NCSA about the controversial media article "Fighting Censorship in Autism Discourse: Why we need more words to describe autism, not fewer."
- ★ Discussed participant diversity (race, gender, geographic location, socioeconomic status, etc) with the Recruitment Advisory Board for a research grant awarded to Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National

Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence. The research has to do with the ongoing phenomenon of late/missed diagnosis for members of marginalized classes, such as race and gender identity.

- Also assisted in refining the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits (SAAT) as an Advisory Board Member.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

- ★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting a Board Member for the Simpatico Mentoring Program through AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity).
- ★ Quarter 1 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council discussing Community engagement, healthcare, and IDD.
- ★ Joint Parenting Center Investigators and Advisory Board with the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities
- ★ IACC meeting.
- ★ Autistic Faculty Meeting for AMCHP's State Public Health Autism Resource Center.

The **Autistic Faculty** is another way that SPHARC centers lived experience. The vision of the Autistic Faculty is to always involve autistic voices in the creation of SPHARC programs, events, media, and other materials. The goal is to co-design programs, activities, and events with autistic people. All of SPHARC's 2023 Autism Acceptance Month activities were co-designed with the Autistic Faculty.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ AFAB Collaborative Group--Incorporating Lancet manuscript revisions with ASF and AWN.
- ★ Meeting with Uptimize's Ryan Mull, New VP (Head of Growth). Discussed Neurodiversity at work updates and intersectionality.
- ★ Consultation--Discussion with Jill Escher of NCSA. Possibility of a neurodiversity movement & NCSA cease-fire?

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Live Discussion as Guest Speaker on "Mitigating harm to nonspeaking autistic community." The discussion with Nick Ostosh, BCBA & NeuroClastic was posted on Understanding Behavior YouTube channel.

- ★ Lovevery Book Club Workshop. Discussing *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child What People on the Autism Spectrum Wish Their Parents Knew About Growing Up, Acceptance, and Identity* as Co-Author & Workshop Facilitator. Dr. Onaiwu is also on Lovevery's Disability Advisory Council.
- ★ Roundtable at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Access Advocacy: A Crip Mentoring Roundtable.



Advocacy Without Borders

- ★ Consultation as Subject Matter Expert for the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program at Rice University.
 - Rice University Center for Civic Leadership (CCL): CCL, a multidisciplinary center at Rice University, transforms structures that continue oppression through partnerships in the community and teaching ways to teach others.
 - CCL encourages students and faculty to “take actions towards achieving an equitable, inclusive, and just society” and to “recognize, respond to, and condemn all forms of discrimination and harassment by addressing systemic barriers of injustice, exclusion, and oppression.”

- Through CCL, Somya Mittal and Lia Kim designed a curriculum for ten students about the history of the neurodiversity movement as part of the ASB program. (Dr. Onaiwu advised Somya Mittal & Lia Kim throughout the process.)
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with ASB leaders, supporting them in their development of a semester-long curriculum for a group of 10 students on the neurodiversity movement and disability justice, culminating in experiential learning that included a formal talk plus campus visits to two neurodiversity centers.*



Events Timeline

- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity) as Committee Member
 - ◆ January 9
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ January 12
- AFAB Collaborative Group--Incorporating Lancet manuscript revisions/Autism Science Foundation & AWN as Contributor
 - ◆ January 13
- Autism Coordinating Committee--Q1, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee/IACC Full Committee Meeting as Member
 - ◆ January 18
- Parenting Advisory Board--Joint Parenting Center Investigators and Advisory Board/National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, & Brandeis University
 - ◆ January 18
- Consultation--Discussion with Amy Lutz of NCSA for media article/"Fighting Censorship in Autism Discourse
- Why we need more words to describe autism, not fewer," as Consultant.
 - ◆ January 19
- Consultation--Discussion, resources & referral with Somya Mittal & Lia Kim/Rice University, 2023 Alternative Spring Break Program as Subject Matter Expert
 - ◆ January 19

- Autistic Faculty Meeting--Autistic Faculty 2023 planning/AMCHP's State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC) as Faculty Member
 - ◆ January 19
- Published Writing--Wrote Forward in *I Will Die on this Hill: Autistic Adults, Autism Parents, and the Children Who Deserve a Better World*, as contributing author.
 - ◆ January 19, 2023.
- Discussion--"Mitigating harm to nonspeaking autistic community"-Discussion with Nick Ostosh, BCBA & NeuroClastic/Understanding Behavior
 - ◆ January 24
- IIDDEAL Advisory Council--Q:1 2023 Meeting| discussing community engagement; health and IDD/IEC-IDDEAL as Advisory Council Member
 - ◆ January 24
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Community engagement: autism & ECI/Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ January 25
- Recruitment Advisory Board--ACE SAAT Study (Participant diversity: race, gender, geography, SES, etc.)/Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital
 - ◆ January 25
- Meeting with Uptimize/Discussion w/Ryan Mull, New VP (Head of Growth) Neurodiversity at work updates; intersectionality
 - ◆ January 26
- Advisory Board Meeting--ACE SAAT Advisory Board Refining the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits/Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital as Board Member
 - ◆ January 26
- Book Club Workshop--Facilitating Employee & Leadership Book Club discussing "Sincerely, Your Autistic Child"/Lovevery as Co-Author & Workshop Facilitator
 - ◆ January 26
- Futures Lab--Digital Accessible Futures Lab with Crip Mentoring: Access Advocacy/University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as Panelist
 - ◆ January 27
- Consultation--Discussion with Jill Escher of NCSA/Possibility of a neurodiversity mvmt & NCSA cease-fire?
 - ◆ January 27

February 2023

Quick Description (Monthly-at-a-Glance)

- Research for AIR-P and PCORI continues.
- ASD+OB/GYN study meeting.
- White House Briefing
- Board Meetings.
- Consultations with Camille Proctor of The Color of Autism, including the University of Pittsburgh about neurodiversity and mental health.
- Recorded Gender and IDD training with AWN.
- Podcast appearance with CRASH.
- Alternative Spring Break Keynote.
- Best Buddies and Urban Collective Events for Black History Month
- Event at Felicity House.

Roles & Development of Praxis

Research:

- ★ AIR-B Meeting with AUTmosphere Equity Network, project check-in.
- ★ ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discussing the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project).
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead

White House Briefing:

- ★ White House Briefing as Subject Matter Expert
 - Identifying ten strategic priorities to advance gender equity and equality and established three guiding principles
 - White House Briefing on the National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality Progress Report aBlack History Month Collaboration
 - Panel invitation & Planning

Board Meetings:

- ★ 2023 EJR goals and task coordination.
- ★ Quarter 1 IEC Executive Committee discussing healthcare and IDD/IEC.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Brainstorming and planning with Camille Proctor of The Color of Autism.



- ★ Training & Development for Multnomah County & Dove Orchids.
- ★ Consultation with Camille and Carla from University of Pittsburgh Autism Center for Excellence to discuss mental health and suicide prevention for people with neurodiversity.
- ★ Planning Meeting as Potential Panelist with Urban Collaborative Panel invitation/planning/Urban Collaborative
 - Urban Collaborative: A network of over 100+ school districts wanting to promote inclusive special education services, improving the education and long term life experiences of children in urban settings. Urban areas can disproportionately impact children of diverse cultures and linguistics, and those differences can exclude students from opportunities and positive experiences in an educational setting.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally-sensitive techniques and content and led a panel discussion and training.*

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Recorded Gender and IDD Webinar for March National Training as EJR Co-Chair. The training was sponsored by AWN & NCSS START.
- ★ Podcast as Guest Speaker--Lived Expertise > Degree with Collaborative Relational and Sexual Health (CRASH) Consulting LLC.



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- ★ Circle 8 Virtual Workshop (Support for autistic women & femmes) with Felicity House.
- ★ Following up with the Alternative Spring Break event from January, appeared as the Keynote Speaker.
 - Presentation on Neurodiversity and Intersectionality for the Alternative Spring Break Program at Rice University
- ★ Best Buddies Black History Month observance/Black History Month Panel: Accessibility & Allyship.
 - Best Buddies International DEI Program: Best Buddies partnered with the Institute for Corporate Productivity. It hosts outreach and educational events, promotes DEI events addressing BIPOC with IDD, supports mentoring and training programs at HBCUs and urban high schools. It also offers scholarships and vocational training.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with Joseph Canty and subsequently provided critical training to over 100 service providers, family members, and educators from different regions of the country serving Black people with IDD.*

Events Timeline

- AWN Executive Committee Meeting--2023 EJR goals; task coordination/ Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN) as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ February 2
- Recorded Webinar--Recorded Gender/IDD webinar (for March National Training)/ NOTS: AWN & NCSS--START
 - ◆ February 3
- Black History Month Collaboration--Panel invitation & Planning/Best Buddies as Consultant
 - ◆ February 8
- Planning Meeting--Urban Collaborative Panel Planning
 - ◆ February 9
- Brainstorming and planning--Color of Autism
 - ◆ February 13
- Black History Month--Best Buddies Black History Month observance; Black History Month Panel: Accessibility & Allyship/Best Buddies International (DEI) as Panelist
 - ◆ February 14
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB
 - ◆ February 15
- Training & Development--Multnomah County & Dove Orchids as Co-Trainer
 - ◆ February 15

- IEC Executive Committee--Q:1 IEC Executive Committee discussing Healthcare and IDD; healthcare and IDD as Council Member
 - ◆ February 17
- Alternative Spring Break--Presentation on Neurodiversity and Intersectionality/Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program at Rice University as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ February 18
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) and CAB recruitment/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ February 23
- Circle 8 Virtual--Virtual Workshop (Support for autistic women & femmes)/ Felicity House as Advisor
 - ◆ February 23
- Consultation--Meeting with Color of Autism and /University of Pittsburgh Autism Center for Excellence as Consultant
 - ◆ February 27
- White House Briefing--Identifying ten strategic priorities to advance gender equity and equality and established three guiding principles/White House Briefing on the National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality Progress Report as Subject Matter Expert
 - ◆ February 27
- Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project)/Autism and Reproductive Health Team Meeting as Advisor
 - ◆ February 27
- Podcast--Lived Expertise > Degrees/Collaborative Relational and Sexual Health (CRASH) Consulting LLC as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ February 28

March 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication on self-assessment for autistics.
- AIR-P and GSR research continues.
- Call for research paper proposals.
- Board meetings.
- Autism CARES Act advocacy efforts
- Review candidates to award predoctoral fellowship.
- Various consultations.
- Keynote address at University of Texas.
- Several podcast appearances.
- Consult with a journalist from The New York Times.
- Appeared in two podcasts and created an event with MARE.

Publication

- ★ Ratto AB, Bascom J, daVanport S, Strang JF, Anthony LG, Verbalis A, et al (including Onaiwu MG). *Centering the Inner Experience of Autism: Development of the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits*. *Autism Adulthood*. 2023 Mar 1;5(1):93-105. doi: 10.1089/aut.2021.0099. Epub 2023 Mar 13.
 - Past studies on autism have prioritized scientific findings of non-autistic researchers and clinicians, seeing autism as a deficiency or negative attribute. This study centers the scientific reporting of autistics themselves, including a respectful and easy-to-understand questionnaire called the Self Assessment of Autistic Traits (SAAT). This study also aims at inclusivity, as many past portrayals of autism are based on how it presents for white cis males.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research

- ★ Biannual meeting for AIR-P with the GSR Node Advisory Board.
- ★ Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project) with AIR-P GSR Node.
- ★ Developing a Planning Call for Proposals Journal of Social Issues.

Board Meetings

- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board.
- ★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting for Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program through AANE.
- ★ Quarter 1 IEC Board of Directors discussing Skinny budget; program updates.

Planning/Onboarding Meetings:

- ★ AIRB4 CAB meeting
- ★ Meeting for the upcoming 16th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) on November 7-9, 2023.

Additional Notable Meetings:

- ★ CCD Monthly Task Force Meeting
 - Addressing Developmental Disabilities Month, Autism and Family Support. Draft agenda: budget & appropriations for Autism CARES Act.

CONSORTIUM FOR CONSTITUENTS WITH DISABILITIES

TASK FORCES

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AUTISM AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Mission

The mission of the task force is to advocate for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, family supports and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

- ★ Review of applications for 2023 Autistic Scientist Predoctoral Fellowship that was drafted in 2022.

Predoctoral Fellowship Program for Autistic Scientists

Funding Agency: Autism Speaks

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span. Our goal is to support autistic people, their autistic and/or non-autistic family members and the broader autism community through fostering strengths and ameliorating the most disabling challenges. We provide advocacy and support; promote understanding and acceptance of autism; and facilitate basic and clinical/translational research that aims to improve the well-being of autistic people. We support autistic people, their families and the broader autism community with resources, online tools and through the production/dissemination of accurate information about autism and associated challenges across the life span.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Discuss about an annual conference with Society of Women Engineers (SWE) —the world's largest conference and career fair for women in engineering on October 26-28 in Los Angeles, California.
- ★ Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Montanero with the Department of Government at the University of Essex. Dr. Montanero wanted to get clarification about a proposed interpretation of Dr. Onaiwu's theory of self-appointed representation)
- ★ Consultation--Meeting with Evelyn L. Richards with Scientific Games. Discussed possible presentation for Autism Awareness Month

Keynote Speaking Event

- ★ Keynote Speaker "Celebrating Women's History Month, Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, PhD" with The University of Texas System, Permian Basin.

Podcast Appearances:

- ★ Podcast Rehearsal and Appearance
 - Urban Collaborative Podcast Dry Run
 - Theme: **Taking Action: Anti-Racist District**
- ★ Black Information Network (iHeartRadio).
 - How police responses to the autistic community can be improved.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with Esther Dillard, a journalist affiliated with the network, to provide insight for the development of an episode of a four part special report exploring the intersection between race and autism: "Black, Autistic, and Safe" with specific emphasis on the complexities that can arise in police encounters.*
- ★ Black Girl Lost Keys Podcast: **Morénike X René Life with Lost Keys (Racism in neurodivergent communities).**
- ★ Autism Confidential: **Bridging the Divide.**
- ★ Autistic Faculty Podcast Episode on "**Neurodiversity paradigm.**" Autistic Faculty through SPHARC/AMCHP.
- ★ Interview by Azeen Ghorayshi from the New York Times science desk about Working on a follow-up to the release of the new CDC autism prevalence data.

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Autism Society of Iowa's Profound Autism Conference attendee.
- ★ National Online Training Series Q&A session (NOTS) webinar series in affiliation with AWN and other organizations.
- ★ Webinar--Crisis Supports & Suicide Prevention for Autistic People/ACE Team Training with Lisa Morgan Consulting LLC.



- ★ Meeting with Ruchika Chopra for Urban Collaborative as follow-up to event listed in February. Meeting included discussing feedback from the previous meeting. Also, podcast episodes and rehearsal.
- ★ Conference for The Centre for Autism Services Alberta Students' Association (CFASA), University of Alberta Student Group.
 - Speaker for two breakout sessions on Culture & Autism.
 - University of Alberta Centre for Autism Services Alberta Students' Association (CFASA): With the goal of educating students and the public about autism.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally-sensitive techniques and content and subsequently planned and led two breakout sessions on Culture and Autism at CFASA's 10th annual conference "Discovering Autism and Intersectionality."*



Open Call for Proposals

Journal of Social Issues

Journal of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Using Neurodiversity-Affirming Intersectional Approaches to Build More Equitable Societies and Shape Public Policy

Guest editors in alphabetical order:

Monique Botha, University of Stirling
 Kristen Gillespie-Lynch, College of Staten Island, and the CUNY Graduate Center
 Morenike Giwa Onalwu, Advocacy Without Borders
 Desiree R. Jones, The University of Texas at Dallas
 So Yoon Kim, Duksung Women's University
 Rita Obeid, Case Western Reserve University

- ★ Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) Event Discussion.
 - Goal: to educate families and providers about providing permanency for autistic children/teens
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with MARE on outreach and services to autistic individuals from underrepresented communities.*

- *Subsequently, we led a virtual MARE event, “Autism and Adoption” for 22 families (current and prospective foster/adoptive parents), 8 DCF social workers, and 14 MARE staff (social workers, etc.) with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general.*

Events Timeline

- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board /Lurie Institute & Brandeis as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ March 1
- Women in Engineering--Discuss about the annual conference (WE—the world’s largest conference and career fair for women in engineering on October 26-28 in Los Angeles, California)/ Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
 - ◆ March 1
- Monthly Task Force--Monthly DD, Autism, Family Support Task Force Meeting; Draft agenda: Budget; appropriations
- Autism CARES Act/CDC ADDM network, DD Awareness month, AWN, & CCD as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ March 2
- Women’s History Month--UT System Women’s History Month video”Celebrating Women’s History Month, Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, PhD”/ The University of Texas System, Permian Basin video as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ March 2
- Autism Conference--Autism Society of Iowa’s Profound Autism Conference as Attendee
 - ◆ March 3
- Meeting--Ruchika Chopra’s Zoom Meeting (Discuss feedback of previous meeting)/Urban Collaborative as Contributor (2 sessions)
 - ◆ March 6
- Podcast Dry Run--Urban Collaborative Podcast Dry Run (Theme: Taking Action: Anti-Racist District)/Urban Collaborative Member as Speaker
 - ◆ March 6
- Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Montanero (Clarification about a proposed interpretation of the theory of self-appointed representation)/Department of Government at the University of Essex as Consultant
 - ◆ March 6
- Biannual meeting--AIR-P GSR Advisory Board/ AIR-P GSR Node and Kaiser Permanente NoCal as Board Member
 - ◆ March 7

- Podcast--Theme: Taking Action: Anti-Racist District /Urban Collaborative Member as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 7
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity) as Committee Member
 - ◆ March 13
- IEC Board of Directors--Q:1 IEC Board of Directors discussing Skinny budget; program updates/IEC as Council Member
 - ◆ March 14
- AIRB4 Meeting-- AIRB4 CAB and Dr. Hassrick meeting (Go over details related to the per diem position)/AIRB4 CAB Drexel University
 - ◆ March 15
- PATC Conference Planning--Meeting for the upcoming 16th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) on November 7-9, 2023/Drexel University
 - ◆ March 16
- Podcast--Morénike X René Life with Lost Keys (Racism in neurodivergent communities)/Black Girl Lost Keys
 - ◆ March 16
- Podcast--"Bridging the Divide" Autism Confidential podcast /Autism Confidential as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 16
- National Online Training Series (NOTS)--Live Q & A/AWN/START Center
 - ◆ March 17
- Journal Special Issue Meeting--Planning Call for Proposals Journal of Social Issues for special issue of publication on neurodiversity and poly
 - ◆ March 20
- Radio Interview--Interview about Share views on how police responses to the autistic community can be improved/Black Information Network (iHeartRadio) as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 20
- Consultation--Meeting with Evelyn L. Richards, CDP about Autism Awareness Month presentation inquiry/Scientific Games
 - ◆ March 22
- Webinar--Crisis Supports & Suicide Prevention for Autistic People/ACE Team Training with Lisa Morgan Consulting LLC
 - ◆ March 22
- Review of applications--2023 Autistic Scientist Predoctoral Fellowship RFA/Autism Speaks
 - ◆ March 23

- Autism Conference--Centre for Autism Services Alberta Student Group Conference (Speaker for two breakout sessions on Culture & Autism) Alberta Students' Association, University of Alberta Student Group
 - ◆ March 25
- MARE Event Discussion--Discuss virtual event with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general./Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)
 - ◆ March 27
- Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting to discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project (AIR-P GSR Node)
 - ◆ March 27
- Autistic Faculty Podcast--"Neurodiversity paradigm" Autistic Faculty Podcast Episode/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ March 31
- Media Interview--Interview by Azeen Ghorayshi about a follow-up to the release of the new CDC autism prevalence data/New York Times science desk
 - ◆ March 31

April 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication of a paper on anti-ableist language.
- Research continues with PCORI.
- Follow-up for recruitment input about diversity for the ACE grant.
- Board Meetings.
- Several interviews, including with Harvard and Tracy Gilchrist.
- Reporting to two governmental organizations.
- Consultations and speaking events, many relevant to Autism Acceptance Month.
- Presentations and research on antiracist themes.
- Working with MARE

Publication

- ★ Natri HM, Abubakare O, Asasumasu K, Basargekar A, Beaud F, Botha M et al (including Onaiwu MG). *Anti-ableist language is fully compatible with high-quality autism research: Response to Singer et al.* (2023). *Autism Res.* 2023 Apr;16(4):673-676.
 - In response to Singer et al. this study advocates that neutral and anti-ableist language can be accurately used to accurately portray and describe autistic occurrences. For example, using "likelihood" in place of "risk" or "co-occurring" instead of "co-morbid." This study was in affiliation with autistic self-advocates and 60 global institutions.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Follow up for the Children's National Hospital ACE Grant regarding recruiting for diversity. Discussed the recruitment incentives and strategies Dr. Onaiwu provided.

Board Meetings:

- ★ Board Meeting for Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program with AANE.
- ★ Board Meeting for All Neurotypes.
- ★ Quarter 2 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.
- ★ Quarterly IACC Meeting.
- ★ AUTmosphere Equity Network updates about the community advisory board at A.J. Drexel Autism Institute.
- ★ Lovevery Town Hall discussing Support Services with Lovevery Disability Council.

Interviews:

- ★ Interview with Kai-Jere Ross, a City College undergraduate student, about experience being a writer of color who is also neurodivergent.
- ★ Media Interview with "Impossible Choices" with Anjan Sundaram & Ashish Dikshit of Harvard University. A conversation about the personal costs that journalists and frontline war correspondents pay, and the common but underexpressed tension between public service work and the toll it takes on one's personal life
- ★ Media Interview. Virtual interview on Advocacy Today with GLAAD award-winning host Tracy E. Gilchrist on Autism advocacy, awareness, & neurodivergence in the Black queer community.

Discussions with Government Organizations:

- ★ National Science Foundation Interview. NSF interview about grants to understand the challenges facing employment training and employment for people on the autism spectrum and/or with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ★ The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) speaks with AWN personnel to collect background information for their involvement in and contribution to the autism community.

Consultations/Planning Sessions

- ★ Planning for April 28 event at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- ★ Meeting with Kimberly and Judith of the Profound Autism Alliance.
- ★ Consultation with Zalika Scott-Ugwuegbula with University of Alberta Working on a project with Dr. Lia Daniels on Motivational constructs in the words of black students. Also doing research with Dr. Heather Brown.
- ★ Celebrating Autistic Joy Fireside Chat with Autistic Faculty (SPHARC/AMCHP) for Autism Acceptance Month.
 - Planning Meeting
- ★ Prep Call--Team Meeting for Decoding Discrimination 2023.
- ★ Continuation of work with MARE.
 - Discuss virtual events with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general. Event described in detail under March 2023.

Speaking Engagements, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Stony Brook Social Competence & Treatment Lab's Keynote Speaker for Anti-Racism Speaker Series at Stony Brook University.
- ★ Live Event for Autism Acceptance Month: Moving Beyond Awareness at Scientific Games as Speaker..
- ★ Autistic Faculty Fireside Chat for Autism Acceptance Month (Autistic Faculty for SPHARC/AMCHP).
- ★ Live Webinar Roundtable with The University of Pittsburgh Autism Center of Excellence on Suffering in Silence: Suicidality in Neurodiverse Communities of Color (bringing together diverse perspectives from research, clinical).

Events Timeline

- Planning for Event--April 28 event planning/ University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
 - ◆ April 3
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 3
- Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - ◆ April 4
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting: Updates about the community advisory board
 - ◆ April 5

- PCORI Monthly Call-- Contract #EACB-26927 PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 5
- Consultation--Meeting with Profound Autism Alliance (Kimberly and Judith)
 - ◆ April 7
- Fireside Chat--Autistic Faculty: Planning Meeting for Celebrating Autistic Joy fireside chat/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ April 7
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity)
 - ◆ April 10
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 10
- Public Speaking Event--"CTL Anti-Racism Speaker Series/Social Competence and Treatment Lab at Stony Brook University as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ April 11
- Consultation--Interview with Zalika Scott-Ugwuegbula (Working on a project with Dr. Lia Daniels on Motivational constructs in the words of black students.)
 - ◆ April 13
- Consultation--Interview with Kai-Jere Ross about Experience being a writer of color who is also neurodivergent/City College Undergraduate Student
 - ◆ April 14
- U.S. Government Accountability Office Interview--Regarding upcoming GAO report on the IACC
 - ◆ April 17
- Fireside Chat Prep Call--Autism Acceptance Month Fireside Chat Prep Call/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ April 17
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 17
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board/Northwestern University
 - ◆ April 17
- Prep Call--Prep Call: Decoding Discrimination 2023
 - ◆ April 19

- Media Interview--Autism advocacy, awareness, & neurodivergence in the Black queer community/Advocate Today Show with GLAAD award-winning host Tracy E. Gilchrist
 - ◆ April 19
- NSF Grant Research Interview--Interview ASD/IDD community members to understand the challenges that impact ASD/IDD employment training/National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - ◆ April 19
- Interview--A conversation about the personal costs that journalists and frontline war correspondents pay, and the common but underexpressed tension between public service work and the toll it takes on one's personal life./Harvard University
 - ◆ April 19
- Meeting--Recruiting for Diversity Meeting 2 (Discussing recruitment incentives and strategies and providing feedback). Children's National (ACE Grant)
 - ◆ April 21
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 24
- Quarterly meeting--Q:2 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/IEC
 - ◆ April 25
- Live Event--A combination of Autism, Neurodiversity, and Intersectionality in the Workplace and Trifecta, Triad, Triumvirate? Neurodiversity, Deficit-View, & "Aspie Supremacy" Explored/Scientific Games as Speaker
 - ◆ April 25
- MARE Event Discussion--Discuss virtual event with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general./Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)
 - ◆ April 26
- Podcast--Autistic Faculty Fireside Chat for Autism Acceptance Month/SPHARC AMCHP as Speaker
 - ◆ April 27
- Lovevery Town Hall--Disability Support Services/Lovevery Disability Council
 - ◆ April 27
- Webinar--Suffering in Silence: Suicidality in Neurodiverse Communities of Color (A live, roundtable webinar bringing together diverse perspectives from research, clinical)/The University of Pittsburgh Autism Center of Excellence (ACE)
 - ◆ April 28

May 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- PCORI research continues.
- Board and network meetings.
- Consultations with Ellevote Network and Family Voices.
- Decoding Discrimination 2 (2023).

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings:

- ★ All Neurotypes meetings, including planning summer camp.
- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR Community Advisory Board with Lurie Institute & Brandeis.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Prep Call for the Mobilize Women 2023 event with Ellevote Network.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center (funded by the WITH Foundation).

Planning and Panel Event:

- ★ Decoding Discrimination 2 (2023)
 - May 15: Rehearsal.
 - May 18: Panel & Roundtable.
 - May 21: Available online.

Decoding Discrimination 2023!

May 21, 2023

Share: 

In collaboration with Foundations For Divergent Minds, John Hopkins Disability Health Research Center, and Justice Shorter, NDRN is proud to present Decoding Discrimination 2023, a thought-provoking panel and robust roundtable discussion. Together we'll openly discuss the rollback of pandemic protections and how coded/common language continues to discriminate against Black, Indigenous & Other People of Color with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. This session is designed for participants to share and learn from one another, so please come prepared to contribute your reflections and experiences throughout. [You can check out last year's Decoding Discrimination discussions and resources here.](#) We look forward to conducting these critical conversations and are excited to connect with you again this year.

Events Timeline

- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 8
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 15
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ May 15
- Rehearsal--Decoding Discrimination 2023
 - ◆ May 15
- Panel & Roundtable--Decoding Discrimination 2 Panel & Roundtable/FDM & NDRN
 - ◆ May 18
- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ May 23
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting 15/Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program, & A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ May 24

- Meeting--National Parenting Research Center Advisory Board
 - ◆ May 25
- Mobilize Women 2023 Prep Call --Review of the content brief/Ellevate Network
 - ◆ May 30
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 30
- Product Advisory Team--Family Voices: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care/Family Voices
 - ◆ May 31
- Meeting--AUTmosphere - Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program at A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ May 31

June 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Published paper on autism, wandering, and pediatric care.
- PCORI research ongoing.
- Proposal review for research with Ohio State's Nisonger Center.
- Board Meetings.
- Prep call for IDDEAL.
- Consulting with Family Voices.
- Speaking event with Mobilize Women 2023 event.
- Virtual conference with STAR.
- Gifted Homeschoolers virtual conference.

Publication

- ★ Hotez E, Giwa Onaiwu M. A Neurodiversity-Oriented Approach to Address Autism Wandering as a "Problem Behavior" in Pediatrics. *Cureus*. 2023 Jun;15(6):e40862. doi: 10.7759/cureus.40862. eCollection 2023 Jun.
 - Taking a compassionate and positive view of neurodiversity, the study looks at wandering and other so-called "problem behaviors" such as wandering by autistic children. The study targets pediatricians, and suggests by lowering stress levels for autistic children, engaging and synchronizing support networks, and working with larger social systems, wandering can be curtailed.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Proposal and grant review. Answering grant reviewer's questions for a proposal with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center engaging adults with IDD in health research.

Board Meetings:

- ★ IEC Nominating Committee Meetings for IIDDEAL.
- ★ Quarter 2 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ IIDDEAL: Identify parts of a Health Outcomes Framework that are needed to change research and practice for people with IDD and their families.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.

Speaking Engagements:

- ★ Speaker for Mobilize Women Summit 2023 with Ellevote Network. Talk was on Disability, Innovation, and the Future of Work.



Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Virtual Summit Autism Backstage Invitation for Sensory Health and Autism
- ★ Gifted Homeschoolers Virtual Conference.
 - How to support your multi-exceptional child, Gifted Homeschoolers offering personal experience from growing up autistic and also parenting multi-exceptional children.
 - Gifted Homeschoolers: A nonprofit organization whose mission is “to empower every gifted and multi-exceptional family to make strategic, proactive, and intentional educational choices.” GHF envisions “a diverse world of multi-generational families, educators, and professionals supporting each other through community, education, and creating content relating to gifted home education” and seeks to “empower gifted families to make strategic, proactive, and intentional educational choices.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with GHF Leadership to coordinate a speaking engagement for the Gifted Homeschoolers’ Virtual Conference, “How to support your multi-exceptional child.”*

2023 GHF Conference Day 3 – Sunday, June 4



The GHF Gifted Home Education Conference – Come as You Are : Authenticity and Acceptance

Events Timeline

- IEC Nominating Committee Meetings--IIDDEAL — Institute for Exceptional Care/IEC as Council Member
 - ◆ June 1

- Virtual Conference-- Gifted Homeschooler's Virtual Conference, supporting multi-exceptional children
 - ◆ June 4
- Mobilize Women Summit 2023--Disability, Innovation, and the Future of Work/Ellevest Network
 - ◆ June 7
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 12
- Advisory Board Meeting--Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG)/Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 12
- Virtual Summit--Sensory Health and Autism
 - ◆ June 15
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 19
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:2 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
 - ◆ June 20
- PCORI Resubmission Discussion--PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 21
- Proposal Review--Grant reviewers' questions regarding proposal/Agenda Questions And Responses OSU RRTC
 - ◆ June 23
- Product Development Team meeting--Product Advisory Team: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care/Family Voices
 - ◆ June 26

July 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- PCORI research efforts ongoing.
- IIDDEAL Prep Call #4.
- Consultations with NYU and University of Mississippi.
- Meeting with Shrub Oak International School.
- Consulting on Family Voices.
- Virtual meeting with Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice.
- DEIB Corporate training event with Bank of America.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

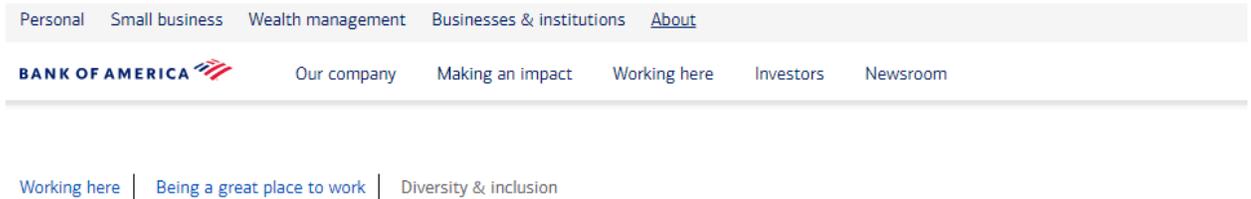
- ★ Meeting for Felicity House Group Discussion (discussion about autism and advocacy).
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ IIDDEAL Prep Call #4-Health Outcome Framework topic areas for in-person discussion.
- ★ Meeting with Eric Bass to discuss possible Kind Theory partnership with Neurability Technologies.
- ★ Brainstorm Session with the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, The University of Mississippi. Discussing experiences accessing family support services as a mother of children with autism.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center
- ★ Consultation with Yewande Richard from NYU about studying additional care and support services for African immigrant mothers of children with complex needs in the United States.
- ★ Meeting with Dr. Sweetapple to discuss Shrub Oak International School.

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Virtual meeting--Access the Vote: Disability and Democracy (Virtual) with Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice.
- ★ Bank of America Corporate Interview: Neurodiversity and DEIB (Neurodiversity and Intersectionality in the Workplace).



Being a diverse and inclusive workplace

At Bank of America, we value all our differences – in background, experience and viewpoints, including socioeconomic status, race, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disabilities and veteran status.

Events Timeline

- Phase 2 Focus Group--Live Notes in Otter with Angelina Rivera
 - ◆ July 6
- Community Meeting-Meeting for Felicity House Group Discussion(discussion about autism and advocacy)/Felicity House Group
 - ◆ July 6
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ July 10
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ July 10
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting 16/Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program, & A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ July 12
- Virtual meeting--Access the Vote: Disability and Democracy (Virtual)/Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

- ◆ July 19
- Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Sweetapple about Shrub Oak International School
- ◆ July 20
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/IEC
- ◆ July 24
- Brainstorm Session--Disabled on campus edited collection/Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, The University of Mississippi
- ◆ July 24
- Consultation--Meeting with Eric Bass of Neurability Technologies
- ◆ July 25
- Product development Team meeting--Product Advisory Team: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care (Family Voices)
- ◆ July 26
- Corporate Interview: Neurodiversity and DEIB Interview with Morénike Giwa Onaiwu (Neurodiversity and Intersectionality in the Workplace)/working with a team at Bank of America
- ◆ July 27
- Consultation--Yewande Richards' Zoom Meeting (discussing experiences accessing family support services as a mother of children with autism)/Yewande Richards with NYU
- ◆ July 27
- Prep Call #4--IIDDEAL Health Outcomes Framework Prep Call #4/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
- ◆ July 27
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
- ◆ July 31

August 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- AIR-P Publication.
- Research with PCORI and Children's National Hospital continues.
- Project management meetings for various groups and initiatives.
- Various nonprofit organization board meetings, including regularly scheduled meetings and agenda specific.
- Consultations and plannings.
- Continuing collaborative initiatives with Sunstorm Stories, AWN, and Felicity House.
- Webinars with Felicity House and Brilliant Minds Collective.
- SunStorm Stories.

Publication

- ★ AIR-P Publication.
- ★ Hotez E, Haley M, Martinez-Agosto JA, Anderson J, Brown H, Choi K, et al (including Onaiwu MG). Updates to the Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P) Research Agenda. Cureus. 2023 Aug;15(8):e44388. doi: 10.7759/cureus.44388. eCollection 2023 Aug.
 - Update on research with AIR-P, based on input from qualtrics surveys. This data was distributed throughout research nodes and to researchers. The agenda was updated to reflect surveyed information.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting,with AIR-P GSR Node.
- ★ Follow up consultation for SAAT Feedback for a research grant awarded to Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence.
 - The research has to do with the ongoing phenomenon of late/missed diagnosis for members of marginalized classes, such as race and gender identity.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
 - EIRG Advisory Board Meeting: Group 1 (Mod 4)

Meetings

- ★ CCD Anti-Racism Committee Meeting.
- ★ IEC Education Committee Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
- ★ All Neurotypes Meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 IEC Executive Committee Meeting.
- ★ Researcher Debrief for Autistic Researcher predoctorate fellowship granted by Autism Speaks.
- ★ Community Advisory Board Meeting for Houston's HIV/AIDS Research Team (UT-HART) .

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Publication of Manuscript based on Pillars Intervention Literature Review Project Steering Committee. With The National Autism Center - May Institutes focused on evaluating ADA practices.
- ★ Organization Meeting with The Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning at the University of Mississippi for Disabled on campus - edited collection org meeting #2.

Panels, Presentations, and Webinars

- ★ Circle 8 Virtual Workshop at Felicity House.
- ★ Sunstorm Stories recording with Ebony.
- ★ Webinar--Disability & RACE: Intersectionality Between Identity + Disability Advocacy
- ★ Webinar with Brilliant Minds Collective.
 - Brilliant Minds Collective: a U.S. based culturally centered non profit think tank focused on economic growth in marginalized communities.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with their neurodivergent undergraduate intern to plan and be the featured presenter for a virtual symposium, Disability & RACE: The Intersectionality Between Identity and Disability Advocacy.*
 - The presentation focused on the intersection of autism and race and “dismantling ableism and racism and promoting disability inclusion and equity by recognizing the voices of individuals with disabilities from underrepresented groups.”

Events Timeline

- Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 IEC Executive Committee Meeting/Institute for IEC
 - ◆ August 1
- Researcher Debrief-Autistic Researcher Predoc Debrief/Autism Speaks
 - ◆ August 2

- Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting with AIR-P GSR Node
 - ◆ August 3
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 3
- Consultation--SAAT Feedback ACE (Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation) SAAT/Child Mind Institute
 - ◆ August 4
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 7
- Meeting--IEC Education Committee Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
 - ◆ August 9
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 10
- Onboarding Meeting--Phases ACE (Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation)
 - ◆ August 11
- Committee Meeting--CCD Anti-Racism Committee Meeting
 - ◆ August 11
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 14
- Webinar--Disability & RACE: Intersectionality Between Identity + Disability Advocacy/Brilliant Minds Collective, Inc.
 - ◆ August 15
- Organization Meeting--Disabled on campus - edited collection org meeting #2/Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning-The University of Mississippi
 - ◆ August 16
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 17
- Circle 8 Virtual--Virtual Workshop at Felicity House as Guest
 - ◆ August 17
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 21
- Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board Meeting: Group 1 (Mod 4)/Northwestern University
 - ◆ August 21

- Monthly Meeting--CAB meeting/UT-HART (ACTG/HPTN)
 - ◆ August 21
- Sunstorm Stories--Sunstorm Stories recording with Ebony/NDRN & FDM
 - ◆ August 22
- Meeting--Assent Manuscript/Autistic Women's and Nonbinary Network
 - ◆ August 29
- Sunstorm Stories--Sunstorm Stories Recording/NDRN/FDM
 - ◆ August 30

September 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- White House briefing
- Presentation session for Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics.
- Discussed the Impact of Words in the Autism Community.
- Research with PCORI, AIR-P, Racial Disparities, and AHRQ meeting.
- Numerous board and advisory board meetings.
- Discussed autism-positive language used in interviews with Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education.
- Product Advisory Team for Family Voices Organization.
- SENG webinar.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Provided a pre-recorded session for a live conference for the Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics.
- ★ Learning Session Meeting with the Autism Society discussing Impact of Words in the Autism Community.
- ★ Webinar for SENG.
 - Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG): SENG is a nonprofit for gifted and talented individuals to help them reach their goals, in different areas. SENG aims to empower families and communities to make this happen.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally sensitive techniques and content and subsequently led a SENG webinar (SENGinar).*

Research:

- ★ GSR Node Meeting--Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health node for AIR-P.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Research meetings to discuss and reflect on study regarding Racial Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Health, to be published as a paper.
- ★ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Meeting--Consulting Agreement and Orientation regarding AHRQ's Technical Expert Panel on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for People with Disabilities.



Board Meetings

- ★ Recurring All Neurotypes meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ EIRG Advisory Board Meeting related to PCORI research with Northwestern University.
- ★ Shrub Oak International School Meeting
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 Disability Council Meeting (Bi-Annual) for Lovevery Disability Council.

Additional Meetings:

- ★ White House Briefing--White House Briefing on the Impacts of a Republican Shutdown. Hosted by Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Public Engagement Steve Benjamin, with special guest Senior Advisor to the President Anita Dunn, to discuss potential impacts of an Extreme Republican Shutdown.
- ★ Anti-Racism Committee Meeting with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services.
- ★ Trust and Reciprocity Seminar to help faculty and staff build research partnerships with scholars and community partners on the autism spectrum.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Consulting on employment surveys interviews-- advising about questions asked of potential candidates in interviews regarding Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center



Events Timeline

- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 4
- ★ Recurring All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 7
- ★ Virtual Conference--Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
 - September 10
- ★ Virtual Interview--Employment Surveys (advising about questions asked of potential candidates in interviews), with Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education
 - September 10
- ★ Project Management Meeting--SoDI Project Management/ADJAI
 - September 11
- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 11
- ★ Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/IEC
 - September 12
- ★ Webinar--Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) as speaker
 - September 14
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 14

- ★ Meeting--Racial Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Health
 - September 15
- ★ CCD Meeting, Reflection and Discussion--Anti-Racism Committee
 - September 15
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 21
- ★ AJ Drexel Autism Institute Trust and Reciprocity Seminar--Building research partnerships with scholars and autistic community partners
 - September 22
- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 25
- ★ Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board Meeting/Northwestern University
 - September 25
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care
 - September 26
- ★ Meeting--Shrub Oak International School
 - September 26
- ★ GSR Node Meeting--Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health node/Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P) at UCLA
 - September 26
- ★ Consulting Agreement and Orientation Meeting--AHRQ's Technical Expert Panel on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for People with Disabilities/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - September 27
- ★ Board of Directors Meeting--Q:3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/IEC
 - September 27
- ★ Disability Council Meeting--Q3 Disability Council Meeting/Lovevery
 - September 28
- ★ White House Briefing--White House Briefing on the Impacts of a Republican Shutdown, hosted by Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Public Engagement Steve Benjamin, with special guest Senior Advisor to the President Anita Dunn, to discuss the potential impacts of an Extreme Republican Shutdown.
 - September 28
- ★ Learning Session--Impact of Words in the Autism Community/Autism Society
 - September 28

October 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Stanford Neurodiversity Summit with IACC, NIH, and NIMH.
- Meetings for AWN, Kind Theory, All Neurotypes, and Simpatico Mentoring Program.
- Meeting for Duke's ACE Advisory Committee.
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Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Stanford Neurodiversity Summit
 - After delivering the keynote address, Dr. Susan Daniels (from NIH & NIMH) used the breakout session for an impromptu IACC, giving the floor to IACC neurodivergent members, including Dr. Onaiwu.
 - The panel was not in the program, nor was it recorded. In Dr. Daniel's own words: *"I asked each panelist to share their experiences serving on the IACC and what they felt were some of the most important accomplishments of the committee. It was a very stimulating discussion, and the panel received many compliments afterward."*



Meetings:

- ★ AWN Planning Meeting as EJR Co-Chair.
- ★ BSSC Meeting, Kind Theory.



★ All Neurotypes Board Meeting.



★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting for AANE.



★ PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University for research and development projects.

★ Fall 2023 Duke Autism Center of Excellence (ACE) External Advisory Committee Meeting.

- In 2021, Dr. Onaiwu was invited as the keynote speaker at Duke during Autism Acceptance Month. They subsequently joined Duke's ACE Advisory Committee.

Events Timeline

- AWN Co-Chairs' Planning Meeting--Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN) as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ October 1
- Duke Committee Meeting--Fall 2023 Duke Autism Center of Excellence External Advisory Committee Meeting
 - ◆ October 2
- IACC Panel--IACC Panel, Stanford Neurodiversity Summit/Stanford Medicine
 - ◆ October 2
- BSSC Meeting--Kind Theory
 - ◆ October 3
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 9
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Mentoring Program/AANE
 - ◆ October 9
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 26
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 30

November 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Published_ *A Neurodiversity and Gentle Parenting Journey in Color*.
- Keynote and PATC Conference.
- Several ongoing research appointments and collaborations including AIR-P, PCORI, and the Nisonger Center at Ohio State.
- Board meetings, including Quarter 4 meetings.
- SunStorm Stories continued.
- Several advisory consultations with various groups and people.
- Prep call with UCSF for conference.

Publication

- ★ Onaiwu MG, editors. *A Neurodiversity and Gentle Parenting Journey in Color*. Lincoln: DragonBee Press; 2023.
 - This is a republishing from a previously published chapter in the anthology *Respectfully Connected: Journeys in Autism, Parenting, and Neurodiversity*.

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Speaking Engagements

- ★ PATC Conference Keynote: Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, & Gender in association with Drexel University.
 - PATC: Pennsylvania Training Center.

Research:

- ★ Co-Investigator and on the board for research project with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center). Investigators Meeting Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Ongoing research project engaging adults with IDD in health research. Principal Investigator is Susan Havercamp.
- ★ AIR-P meeting with the leadership board (ANSWER [formerly ARRB]).
- ★ PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

- ★ Weekly meeting for All Neurotypes.
- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR through Lurie Institute & Brandeis.
- ★ Quarter 4 IEC Executive Committee Meeting.
- ★ IEC Education Committee Planning.
- ★ Quarter 4 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.

Onboarding event:

- ★ With University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, ITH Effective Communication Advisory Board onboarding in relation to collaborative research efforts.

Projects:

- ★ Rescheduled Sunstorm Stories Meeting.

Consultations, Advisory Meetings & Planning:

- ★ Anti-Racism Committee Meeting with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS).
- ★ Advisory Committee for Disability & Philanthropy Forum Advisory Committee with Emily Harris of Harris-Strategies.com.
- ★ “Autism by the Numbers Planning Call” for planning reproductive health article outline
- ★ UCSF Conference Prep Meeting to prepare Dr. Onaiwu as panelist.
- ★ Intentional Leadership Speaker Meeting with Zingerman’s Community of Business.

Events Timeline

- Planning Meeting--AIRB4 CAB Planning Meeting/ ADJAI, Drexel University
 - ◆ November 1
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 2
- Anti-Racism Committee Meeting/National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services
 - ◆ November 3
- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ November 6

- Keynote at Conference: PATC Conference Keynote: Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, & Gender/Drexel University
 - ◆ November 7
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:4 IEC Executive Committee Meeting/Institute of Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 7
- Advisory Committee--Disability & Philanthropy Forum Advisory Committee
 - ◆ November 8
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 9
- Planning Call--Autism by the Numbers Planning Call/Reproductive health article outline
 - ◆ November 13
- Thesis Interview--Thesis Interview with Riley McNally/M.S. Arts Administration Student Thesis Interview
 - ◆ November 14
- FDM Meeting--Foundations for Divergent Minds & Child Trends
 - ◆ November 16
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 16
- Investigators Meeting--RRTC 2023 Investigators Meeting/Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function, Ohio State University Nisonger Center
 - ◆ November 17
- Anti-Racism Committee Meeting--CCD Anti-Racism Committee
 - ◆ November 17
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ November 20
- Conference Prep Meeting--Panelist Conference Prep Meeting/University of California, San Francisco
 - ◆ November 20
- Education Committee Planning--IEC Education Committee Planning/Institute for Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 21
- Sunstorm Stories--Rescheduled Meeting
 - ◆ November 22
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 23

- Intentional Leadership Speaker Meeting--Zingerman's Community of Business
 - ◆ November 27
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:4 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/Institute of Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 29
- Meeting--AIR-P-ANSWER/AIR-P and Kaiser Permanente
 - ◆ November 29
- Onaiwu MG, editors. A neurodiversity and gentle parenting journey in color. Lincoln: DragonBee Press; 2023/AWN .
 - ◆ November 30

December 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication of research on autism and marginalized gender identity.
- Research through PCORI, Ohio State's Nisonger Center, and paper collaborations.
- Meeting for autism medical trial research.
- Regular meetings.
- Sunstorm Stories.
- Consultations for future events.

Publication

- ★ Lai MC, Amestoy A, Bishop S, Brown HM, Onaiwu MG, Halladay A, et al. *Improving Autism Identification and Support for Individuals Assigned Female at Birth: Clinical Suggestions and Research Priorities*. Lancet Child Adolesc Health. 2023 Dec;7(12):897-908.
 - Study determined that autistics assigned female at birth and those with diverse gender experience have more missed or late diagnosis and less support for their neurodiversity. The study suggests ways to create more equity in health care, professions associations and policy makers. Study is in affiliation to several of the professional organizations Dr. Onaiwu has worked with.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research

- ★ Co-Investigator and on the board for research project with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center). Investigators Meeting Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Ongoing research project engaging adults with IDD in health research. Principal Investigator is Susan Havercamp.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Meeting for Participatory Research Paper with Emily Hotez.
- ★ HART CAB meeting (HIV research).

- ★ Consulted with Axial Therapeutics and Camille Proctor of the Color of Autism about medical trials and research into GI health and autistic irritability.



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"Irritability is one of the most common reasons why caretakers seek my assistance for their children diagnosed with autism. Antipsychotic medications are commonly used as treatment but come with myriad side effects that can limit their use," said Roger J. Jou, MD, MPH, PhD, Child Psychiatrist, Yale School of Medicine, and Principal Investigator of the Tapestry Autism Study. "AB-2004 leverages the gut-brain connection; it works in the gut by trapping bacterial byproducts and removing them in the stool, which reduces their absorption into the body and ultimately their negative effect on the brain. I eagerly anticipate the results of the phase 2 clinical trial of AB-2004 to assess the possibility this novel approach reduces irritability associated with autism."

"We are pleased to announce the successful completion of enrollment in our Phase 2b clinical trial – a critical milestone that brings us closer to our goal of addressing the significant unmet need for a safe and effective therapy to treat irritability in autism that works differently from existing medications," said Stewart Campbell, CEO of Axial Therapeutics. "On behalf of the team at Axial, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the children and adolescents who enrolled in the trial, their families, and caregivers. We also want to thank the clinicians and their staff at over 25 clinical sites who have played an essential role in ensuring that the potential of AB-2004 could be fully explored. We look forward to sharing data in the first quarter of 2024 and bringing forward this innovative therapy to improve the lives of people with autism and their families."

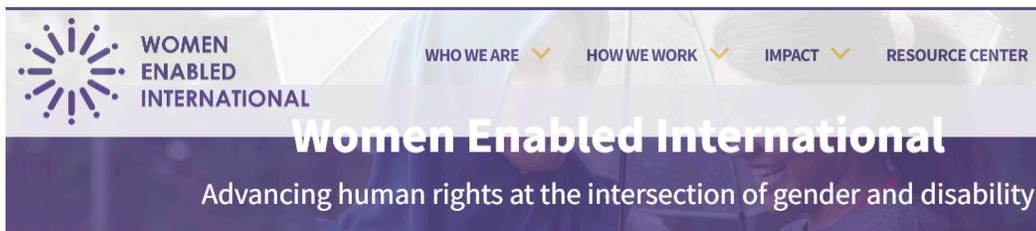
About the AB-2004 Phase 2b Trial

Meetings, Events, and Projects:

- ★ AWN Virtual Retreat (3 hour online event) as EJRC Co-Chair.
- ★ Felicity House.
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting
- ★ Sunstorm Stories (continued from 2022)
 - Remaining Intro Recordings
 - Stories of people from diverse areas, with intellectual and developmental disabilities, often people of color, sharing their life stories during the COVID19 pandemic, to ensure inclusion and representation in the life impacts of the pandemic.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Meeting with Nigel of AutisticaPalooza to discuss a conference for Autistic women in October 2024.
- ★ Consultation with Women Enabled International.
 - Meeting with Janie Mejias (human rights for gender and disability)



- ★ Tech check for UCSF Online Conference on Evidence-Based Interventions for Individuals Diagnosed with ASD.

Events Timeline

- Tech check--UCSF Online Conference on Evidence-Based Interventions for Individuals Diagnosed with ASD
 - ◆ December 1

- Virtual Retreat--Autistic Women's & Nonbinary Network 3 hour Virtual Retreat as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ December 3
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ December 4
- Sunstorm Stories--Remaining Intro Recordings/National Disability Rights Network
 - ◆ December 5
- Consultation--Meeting with Nigel of Autistica Palooza to discuss conference for Autistic women in October
 - ◆ December 12
- Consultation--Meeting with Janie Mejias/Women Enabled International
 - ◆ December 12
- Annual Meeting--Felicity House SAAB Annual Meeting
 - ◆ December 12
- Meeting--Louder Than Words program meeting with Kind Theory
 - ◆ December 13
- Investigators Meeting--RRTC 2023 Investigators Meeting: REEP Can You Hear Us Now Project Resources/Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function, Ohio State University Nisonger Center
 - ◆ December 15
- Consultation--Participatory Research Paper with Emily Hotez/UCLA Health
 - ◆ December 15
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ December 18
- CAB Meeting--HART (HIV research) CAB meeting DEC2023
 - ◆ December 18
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ December 18
- Autism Meeting--Axial/Color of Autism Meeting/Red House E-Comm
 - ◆ December 21