NICHD Strategic Plan: Revised Mission and Vision Statements

• **Mission**: NICHD leads research and training to understand human development, improve reproductive health, enhance the lives of children and adolescents, and optimize abilities for all.

• **Vision**: Healthy pregnancies. Healthy children. Healthy and optimal lives.
NICHD Strategic Plan: Overview

• Guides NICHD’s research activities for the next 5 years
• Supports NICHD’s new mission and vision statements
• Addresses 5 broad research themes and cross-cutting topics, such as health disparities and infectious disease
• Lays out NICHD research goals and objectives as well as aspirational goals to drive future activities
• Reaffirms NICHD’s commitment to research aimed at improving the health and well-being of women, children, and people with disabilities
• Available at: https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/strategicplan.
NICHD Strategic Plan: Research Themes

- Understanding the Molecular, Cellular, and Structural Basis of Development
- Promoting Gynecologic, Andrologic, and Reproductive Health
- Setting the Foundation for Healthy Pregnancies and Lifelong Wellness
- Improving Child and Adolescent Health and the Transition to Adulthood
- Advancing Safe and Effective Therapeutics and Devices for Pregnant and Lactating Women, Children, and People with Disabilities
MPID Branch Priorities

- Pediatric, Adolescent, Maternal HIV Prevention & Treatment
- HIV and HIV Co-Infections: Adverse Pregnancy, Maternal, and Infant Outcomes Related to Prevention or Treatment
- HIV Cure/Remission in Infants and Children
- HIV Immune Crosstalk in Infant Immune System Development
- Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases
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