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AUCD ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS ON DISABILITIES Research, Education, Service

A network of interdisciplinary centers advancing policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and communities.



About UCEDD

Since 1963, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) have worked towards a shared vision that foresees a nation in which all Americans, including Americans with disabilities, participate fully in their communities. Independence, productivity, and community inclusion are key components of this vision.

Currently, there are 67 UCEDDs-at least one in every US state and territory-that are in a unique position to facilitate the flow of disability-related information between community and university. Centers work with people with disabilities, members of their families, state and local government agencies, and community providers in projects that provide training, technical assistance, service, research, and information sharing, with a focus on building the capacity of communities to sustain all their citizens.

UCEDDs have played key roles in every major disability initiative over the past four decades. Many issues, such as early intervention, health care, community-based services, inclusive and meaningful education, transition from school to work, employment, housing, assistive technology, and transportation have been directly benefited by the services, research, and training provided by UCEDDs.

The national network of UCEDDs is authorized under Public Law 106-402 (The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 or "DD Act") and their core funding is administered by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

To implement their core functions of providing preservice preparation, services (including technical assistance, community education, and direct services), research, and information dissemination, UCEDDs leverage their core funding to partner with other federal, state, and local resources.

With research, demonstration, and personnel preparation funding from the US Department of Education (ED), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-among others-UCEDDs have undertaken numerous projects in areas of importance to people with disabilities across the lifespan and their families, such as in health promotion and prevention, education, employment, self determination, family support, national and community service, and autism.