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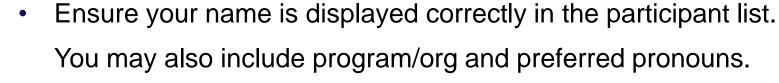
# Developing Inclusive Training Programs Through Universal Design for Learning

June 28, 2023





# Housekeeping



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- Please remain muted unless speaking and state your name prior to speaking.
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# **Learning Objectives**

At the end of this discussion, participants will:

- learn core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL);
- identify strategies for applying UDL in their individual program; and
- receive feedback from their peers on UDL.



# Agenda

3:00	Housekeeping and Introductions
3:05	Welcome and Updates from NTDC Leadership
3:10	Program Highlight: Georgia State University LEND
3:30	Program Highlight: Arizona LEND
3:50	Breakout Discussions
4:25	Closing



# Welcome and Updates from National Training Director's Council (NTDC) Leadership

Jenean Castillo, PhD - Chair of NTDC Laura Carpenter, PhD - Vice Chair of NTDC Laura Rodríguez López, Ed.D. - Secretary



# NTDC: Get Involved

# Who should join?

 The National Training Director Council works for and with training directors and responds to their and the network's needs.

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## NTDC: Get Involved

# Why?

- Serve as a focus and forum for the identification and discussion of issues related to preservice and in-service interdisciplinary training
- Function as a representative voice of preservice interdisciplinary training interests and concerns within the AUCD network
- Influence the development and implementation of national training policies and initiatives
- Share best practices and exemplary resources developed and used by UCEDDs and LENDs across the nation.



## 2023 Priorities

- Recruitment and role of Self-Advocate faculty in training programs
- Incorporating Universal Design for Learning and Accessibility into training programs
- Mentorship and engagement of emerging leaders
- Mentorship and support of training directors



#### Introducing..

# **Georgia LEND**



Mark Crenshaw, MTS



**Molly Tucker, MSW** 

# How Georgia LEND Uses Universal Design for Learning

#### **Mark Crenshaw and Molly Tucker**

Center for Leadership in Disability
Georgia LEND
Georgia State University



# **Agenda**

- What is Universal Design for Learning (UDL)?
- Why is Universal Design for Learning (UDL) important?
- How do we include Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in GaLEND?



"UDL provides a blueprint for creating instructional goals, methods, materials, and assessments that work for everyone--not a single, one-size-fits-all solution but rather flexible approaches that can be customized and adjusted for individual needs."



# What is Universal Design for Learning?

Universal Design for Learning is a way to create learning

materials

• Universal Design for Learning helps

Teach people new information and ne

Get people excited about learning

Make information easier to understand

Make learning more interesting

Connect information to people's daily lives

• Showcase what people have learned



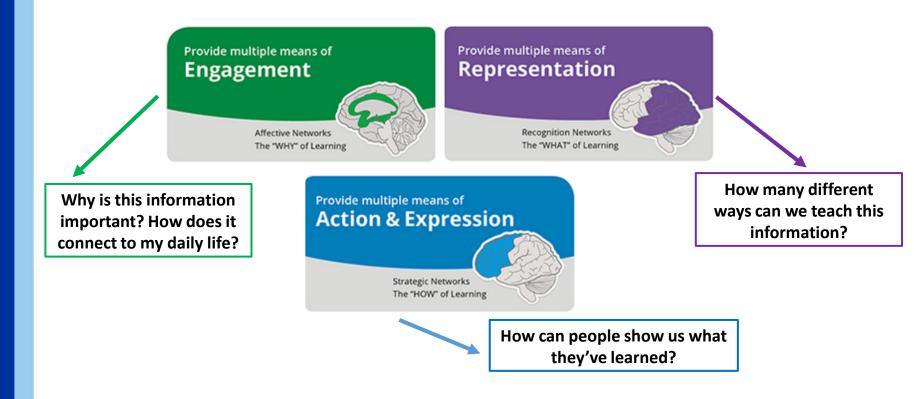
**Learning** is

for

everyone!



# Three Parts of Universal Design for Learning





# **UDL** Example

# Individual and Family-Centered Care



# **Engagement:**

As clinicians and advocates, why is it important for our work with individuals with disabilities and their families be directed by them, instead of us?



Making Connections with Individuals and Families



Interdisciplinary Clinics that are Individual and Family Centered



Highlight Real World Examples



#### **Representation:**

# How can we teach someone how to practice individual and family-centered care?



Conversations with individuals and families

Presentations and Panels





Clinical
Experiences, Case
Studies, and SelfReflection Activities

Family Mentor Experience







## **Action and Expression:**

How can someone show us what they've learned?



Self-Reflection and Journals

Clinical Experiences





**Case Studies** 

Group Discussion







# **General Strategies**

- Send an email explaining our commitment to UDL to all presenters
- Presenters are asked to include an activity as part of their presentation
- Presenters are asked to outline key takeaways
- Pre-session email explaining what will be covered in class
- Pre-sessions activities to help trainees familiarize themselves with content
- Use of plain language



# **General Strategies**

- Group discussions that are intentionally interdisciplinary and diverse
- Materials created by people with lived experiences are prioritized
- Assignments can be be written, audio recorded, video recorded, or completed through live conversation
- All trainees participate in UDL project each year
- LEND Team regularly reflects on content and training experience and makes adjustments as needed



## Resources

- UDL Aligned LEND Resources: <u>https://www.aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news\_id=11641&id=1</u>
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- UDL Webinar from GSU: <u>https://www.mchnavigator.org/academics/atmch/innovative-teaching-awards/aligning-a-mch-disability-leadership-curriculum-with-universal-design-for-learning.php</u>
- Self-Advocacy Training Series for LEND Programs: https://www.aucd.org/template/event\_itac.cfm?event\_id=8921



# Wrap Up

- What is Universal Design for Learning (UDL)?
  - Universal Design for Learning is a way to create learning materials so that everyone can learn new skills, gain knowledge, and be excited about learning.
- Why is Universal Design for Learning (UDL) important?
  - It helps make sure that everyone can learn in the way that works best for them.
- How do we include Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in GaLEND?
  - We ask ourselves: Why is this information important? How can we teach this information in different ways? How can people show us what they've learned?



# Any questions?







#### Introducing..

# **Arizona LEND**



**McCafferty Kermon** 



**Jaclyn Larson** 



# Implementing Universal Design for Learning at ArizonaLEND

McCafferty S. Kermon & Jaclyn Larson 6/28/23

#### **Introductions**



McCafferty S. Kermon Advocacy Faculty



Jaclyn Larson Advocacy and Family Faculty



#### Overview

- 2020
- Update the curriculum
- 1st year ArizonaLEND included a trainee with IDD



#### Overview Cont...

- Began to apply UDL, while acknowledging that there are special considerations for trainees with IDD
- Ensure that there are various ways for the information to be accessed and understood
- Locate and create supplemental resources to engage different learning styles that will ultimately make the material more accessible to EVERYONE



# Achieving Accessibility through Accommodations

- ArizonaLEND started 2011
- Difficult to make established program fully accessible right away
- Accomodations were made as stepping stones to create a more accessible program



#### **Existing Structure**

- Natural Supports
  - Peer groups
  - Group projects
- All trainees assigned faculty mentors/coaches
- Monthly Faculty Meetings



## Main Components of ArizonaLEND

- Weekly Didactic seminars
- Letter of Intent (LOI)
- Clinical hours
- Books



#### Weekly Didactic Seminars

- Updated presenter guidelines to include UDL
- Requested information from presenter in advance
- Include an introduction to the topic tailored to the specific style preferences of Self-Advocate trainee



#### Clinical Hours

- Flexible options
- Tailored support, such as relevant background information (terms, acronyms, what to expect)
- Customized way to record hours
  - Careful consideration on how to improve recording system for Self-Advocate has led to a push to improve recording for everyone



## Original LOI Options

- Priority A Investigations, focus on research
- Priority B Special projects, focus on program evaluation



#### **Updated LOI Options**

- Priority A Investigations, focus on research
- Priority B Special projects, focus on program evaluation
- Priority C Personal presentations or other created materials, focus on lived disability experience



#### **Books**

- Recorded version
- Structured in-class book discussion
- Accessible "snapshots" of the main themes



#### Books' Continued Evolution

Set of curated podcasts that focus on a different skill or idea

- Encourages contributions from all of the faculty (podcast recommendations)
- Easier for trainees to complete
- Able to expose them to more diverse ideas
- Allows flexibility, easy to update and change
- Complies with UDL (offers another way to access information)
- Can extend our range of ideas
- Sets up discussion





# Questions?

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# **Breakout Rooms**

For programs to ask questions of the presenters or share their own approach to UDL (or challenges). It is also an opportunity to receive feedback on a document/resource from your peers.

**Breakout 1: Georgia LEND** 

**Breakout 2: Arizona LEND** 

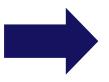
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