



AUCD Central Office News

AUCD is Pleased to Release the Updated Early Career Professionals Website



This innovative national resource helps develop the leadership skills of professionals who have received interdisciplinary training in developmental disabilities. The site offers a leadership self-assessment tool, resource bank, educational opportunities, job search tips, games, and a blog describing the experiences of others in the disability field. One of our newest bloggers is [Kati Seymour, a self-advocate from South Dakota](#). We hope you find the site useful and share it with others. If you have feedback or an item appropriate for the site, we welcome your input.

Rachel Patterson, MPA, Joins AUCD's ADD Technical Assistance Team



Rachel Patterson

Rachel Patterson works on AUCD's Administration on Developmental Disabilities Technical Assistance team. She received a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where she focused on social policy, and a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Whitman College. [Read more...](#)

Network News - Awards & Honors

Valerie Williams, OK UCEDD Director, Is Named Chair-Elect of Association of American Medical Colleges



Valerie

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Member Spotlight

ArtAbilities Program Promoting the Artwork of Children with Disabilities at the Mailman Center (FL UCEDD/LEND)



Daniel Armstrong, PhD, Director, Mailman Center for Child Development, Kianna Gherardi, ArtAbilities award ceremony

Each year, student artists like Kianna arrive with their art teachers, families and friends in

Williams, PhD Valerie Williams, PhD, vice provost for academic affairs and faculty development at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Learning and Leadership (OK UCEDD), has been named chair-elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Williams, who has served on AAMC's board of directors for the past three years, will serve as chair in 2013. Dr. Williams also served on the AUCD Board of Directors, most notably as President in 1995-1996. [Read more...](#)

Susan McIlvried Receives RCDC Service Award



On June 17, 2011, Susan McIlvried, MA, was presented with the first annual Riley Child Development Center Service Award for her work with children with disabilities. The award was presented to Mrs. McIlvried in appreciation of her service to the children

of Indiana to address their educational, medical and legal needs. [Read more...](#)

Dr. David Wacker, PhD, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine (IA UCEDD), Is This Year's Recipient of the College's Distinguished Mentor Award



David P.
Wacker, PhD

Dr. David Wacker, professor of pediatrics and curriculum and instruction at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, is this year's recipient of the college's Distinguished Mentor Award. As Director of the Self-Injurious Behavior Specialty Team at Iowa's Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD), and the Educational & Behavioral Consultation Service at CDD, Dr. Wacker has not only provided clinical services to patients at CDD and to individuals with challenging behaviors throughout the state, but also has worked with PhD students, UCEDD and LEND trainees, to train new generations of health professionals in this critically needed discipline. [Read more...](#)

Glenn Fujiura, PhD (IL UCEDD/LEND) Is Named Editor of AAIDD Journal



Glenn T.
Fujiura, PhD

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is extremely pleased to announce that Glenn T. Fujiura, PhD, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as the new Editor of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the Association's journal of policy, practice, and perspectives. His four year term as Editor started on July 1, 2011. [Read more...](#)

the lobby of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Mailman Center for Child Development in Miami, Florida for the ArtAbilities award ceremony and exhibition. This annual event features paintings, watercolors, and pastels executed by twenty Miami-Dade County Public School students with learning and/or physical challenges. All of the students' art works show a remarkable ability to manipulate color in various media and to create strikingly inventive artwork which speaks to their talent and ingenuity and which belies their years. [Read more...](#)

Events

AUCD 2011: The Journey Continues



2011 is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the last forty years, to face the challenges of today, and to imagine the future. Join your colleagues in this year's conference and to help shape the future of the disability field. Please check our [2011 conference website](#).

Registration Open



Early Bird Offer: Register by Sept. 30 and be entered to win a one of two free main conference registrations. Member Discount: the 6th and subsequent

Network News - People on the Move

Leadership Change in MN Institute's RTC

Charlie Lakin Selected to Serve as the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research



Charlie Lakin,
PhD

community settings. [Read more...](#)

Charlie Lakin, Director of the Institute's Research and Training Center on Community Living (RTC) for the past 22 years, will be leaving in August to take the position of Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) in the U.S. Department of Education. Throughout his 40-year career, Charlie's expertise has been widely sought after by federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as disability advocacy organizations, in their efforts to provide quality services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in

Amy Hewitt, PhD, Named New Director of University of Minnesota's Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University's Institute on Community Integration



Amy Hewitt,
PhD

David Rotholz, PhD, Director of Center for Disability Resources at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine



David Rotholz,

Amy Hewitt, PhD, has been selected as the new Director of the Research and Training Center on Community Living (RTC) at the University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration. Over the past 20 years Amy's work within the RTC has earned her a national reputation as a leader in the area of community supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Among her areas of expertise are Medicaid policy, consumer-directed services, direct support workforce development, and interdisciplinary training. [Read more...](#)

registrants from each Center automatically receive a 20% discount on their main registration fee. [Register today!](#)

Hotel Reservations Open

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is the official host hotel of the AUCD 2011 Conference. AUCD Conference Room Rate: \$209/night; Deadline for Conference Rate: Oct. 13. [Reserve your room today!](#)

2011 AUCD Awards Nominations

Your help is needed to identify greatness. We know that the individuals and groups of the AUCD Network accomplish magnificent feats each year. The presentation of AUCD Awards is our opportunity to acknowledge some of our best during our annual Awards Ceremony and Gala on Tuesday, November 8. [Nominate a deserving individual or program today!](#) Deadline: September 2.

Agenda Now Available

The 2011 Conference will include many new features, including some schedule adjustments suggested by attendees. Check online to [view the agenda](#).

Sponsorship Slots Available for All Levels

Sponsorships, exhibits, and advertisers help keep the AUCD Conference costs low and bring in new products and partners for you to explore. With over 600 leaders from academic, health care, training, and self-advocacy settings in attendance, participating partners can showcase items to a large and diverse audience of decision makers.

PhD

AUCD welcomes David Rotholz, PhD, to his new position of Director at the UCEDD in South Carolina. David has served several years as Associate Director at the Center for Disability Resources, and his previous experience also includes work as Director, Community Outreach Programs and Research Project Director, Institute for Disabilities Studies at the University of Minnesota; Clinical Director, Director of Behavioral Support, Training Director, and Research Associate at New England Center for Autism. [Read more...](#)

Len Abbeduto Named Director of MIND Institute (CA UCEDD)



Len Abbeduto,
PhD

Leonard Abbeduto, PhD, an internationally respected neurodevelopmental researcher, will lead the UC Davis MIND Institute as director. Abbeduto comes to the MIND Institute from the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was associate director of behavioral science, chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and director of the University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. [Read more...](#)

Donna Gilles, EdD, Interim Director of Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University

AUCD welcomes Donna Gilles, EdD, to her new position as Interim Director at the UCEDD in Virginia. Donna has served several years as Associate Director of Operations at the Partnership for People with Disabilities, as well as Training Director for Virginia's LEND program. Donna's previous experience includes many years of progressive positions at the University of Florida, including Associate Director of UF-Gainesville Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, and director for several other research and training projects. [Read more...](#)

Brian Freedman, PhD Leads CDS TEEM Unit (DE UCEDD)



Brian Freedman,
PhD

Brian Freedman, PhD, assumed the position of director of the Center for Disabilities Studies' Transition, Education and Employment Model (TEEM) unit at the DE UCEDD. Brian received a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern University and completed a postdoctoral residency in Applied Behavior Analysis and Developmental Disabilities. He has worked with individuals with developmental disabilities for 15 years and most recently served as the Clinical Director for the Center for Autism and Related Disorders at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore. [Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

Neurodevelopmental Disorders Across the Lifespan: Research to Practice

August 5, 2011

Keynote lecture and concurrent sessions designed for physicians, educators, other providers, and families/caregivers. Topics to include:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Metabolic disorders
- Dual diagnoses
- Advocacy and family support
- Touch technology apps for people with disabilities
- Cross-cultural communication

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South Carolina Assistive Technology Exchange



Janet Jendron from the SC Assistive Technology Program and Brooke Everhart from the Disability Action Center, were interviewed on WIS TV-10, Columbia, SC about the delivery of a used scooter to a woman in Branchville who was in great need with few resources. This provision of a free scooter was a result of the woman seeking equipment through the SC Assistive Technology Exchange and a donation made to the Disability Action Center from a family in Pacolet. [Read more...](#)

Shriver Center's (MA UCEDD/LEND) James Gleason Leads Fitness Screenings at the Special Olympics World Games



This June, athletes with developmental and intellectual disabilities (IDs) from 180 countries around the globe converged in Athens, Greece to compete in the 13th Special Olympics Summer World Games. On hand to help at the biannual event was James Gleason, MS, PT, who was invited to train a cadre of international health care professionals in the FUNFitness health screening protocol that is part of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Initiative. [Read more...](#)

The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities (NJ UCEDD) Sponsors (or Co-Sponsors) 2nd Institute on Theology and Disability in Pennsylvania



More than eighty people from Pennsylvania, other states, and five other countries attended all or parts of the second Institute on Theology and Disability, which was held July 18-22 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was part of the Faith Community Leadership Project funded by the Pennsylvania Council on Developmental Disabilities through a grant to The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities. [Read more...](#)

Think College Newsletter June/July 2011

Highlighted articles include:

- [Friends By Inclusion](#)
- [TPSID Spotlight: TOPS Program](#)
- [Three Publications Worth Looking At](#)
- [A Most Special Commencement](#)
- [Registration for the 2011 State of the Art Conference Now Open](#)

- [Title IV Eligibility for Students with ID](#)

Virtual Disability Volunteerism Is Real

A CNN iReport article featuring Chad Mikado, an Online Training Specialist with the National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP). Chad writes online curricula for webinars and asynchronous training, which includes working with integrating social media and virtual communities with traditional learning, and discusses how to make technology accessible. [Read more...](#)

Indiana Family Participates in White House Meeting on Medicaid and is Featured in National Report on Medicaid



Riley Child Development Center (Indiana's LEND program) Training Director Rylin Rodgers and her daughter Laura Rodgers both visited the White House on July 7th to discuss the importance of Medicaid to families of children with disabilities and special health care needs. [Read more...](#)

Also, Rylin Rodgers and her children are featured in an article that is a fantastic resource about the importance of Medicaid to families of children with disabilities and special health care needs. [Read the article.](#)

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center (OH-UCEDD/LEND) Co-Sponsors the Legislative Advocacy Day 2011 in Ohio



More than 400 advocates from throughout Ohio attended the Legislative Advocacy Day at the Statehouse, entitled "Moving Forward: The Horizon for the Disability Community." The focus of the event was to educate policymakers and advocates with disabilities and their family

members about current issues related to necessary supports for community access and inclusion. After the program, advocates met with their legislators to tell their stories about what living in the community means to them and how cuts in services would affect their lives. [Read more...](#)

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