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AUCD Central Office News

[AUCD Celebrates April as Autism Awareness Month](#)

On December 18, 2007, the UN General Assembly designated April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day, which was first observed in 2008. This UN resolution is one of only three official disease-specific United Nations Days that brings world attention to autism spectrum disorder, a developmental disorder that affects as many as 1 in 50 children, according to new estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In this spirit, the entire month of April is recognized as National Autism Awareness Month. [Read more...](#)

Network News – Awards & Honors

[Think College Staff Receive Champion of Change Award](#)

Staff from the ICI's Think College project were honored at the Buddy Walk on Washington Champion of Change Awards dinner of the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). Think College received the honor of "Organization of the Year" from NDSS. [Read more...](#)

[Stephan Viehweg \(IN LEND\) Named 2014 Prestigious External Award Recognition \(PEAR\) Recipient](#)

Stephan Viehweg has been named a 2014 Prestigious External Award Recognition (PEAR) recipient in honor of having been awarded a 2013 Executive Journey Fellowship from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Prestigious External Awards Recognition (PEAR) recipients are faculty members who have been recognized by a national or international professional organization for their academic achievements. [Read more...](#)

[AZ LEND Alumni Trainees Has Been Chosen as Inside Tucson Business 2014 Up & Comers](#)

Brenda Abbey from Tucson Medical Center and AZ LEND Alumni Trainee was chosen for her work in Bio Tech/Medicine/Health Care as one of Inside Tucson Business 2014 Up & Comers. The honor recognizes professionals early in their careers who have "demonstrated through their accomplishments, their leadership and/or their good deeds that they are likely to achieve positions of leadership or high standing in their organizations, industries or communities or who are likely to have a significant positive effect on their organizations, industries or communities during the remainder of their careers." [Read more...](#)

[Johnna Tanji \(AZ LEND\), 2014-2015 Judith Gravel Fellowship in Pediatric Audiology Recipient](#)

The Judith Gravel Fellowship is awarded each year to an outstanding student in the fourth year of the Doctor of Audiology degree program. The recipient of the fellowship has the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience in dealing with hearing loss in babies and infants by working with specialists at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of

Medicine and the UNC Hospital. Dr. Gravel was always passionate in stressing the importance of an interdisciplinary team approach and clinical experience in practicing pediatric audiology. [Read more...](#)

Network News – People on the Move

[Joel Nudi, MBA, PMP, Joins The Boggs Center \(NJ UCEDD\) as UCEDD Administrator](#)

Joel Nudi recently joined The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities as UCEDD Administrator. Joel came to The Boggs Center from the New Mexico UCEDD where he was Director of Administration. [Read more...](#)

[Center for Leadership in Disability \(GA UCEDD\) Welcomes Mark Chaffin, PhD](#)

The Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD), the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Georgia State University (GSU), is pleased to announce that Mark Chaffin, PhD, has accepted a Second Century Initiative (2CI) faculty position to begin in the summer of 2014. [Read more...](#)

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The U.S. Access Board elected Sachin Dev Pavithran to a one-year term as its new vice-chair, Pavithran, director of the Utah Assistive Technology Program at Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities, was appointed to the Board in late 2012 by President Barack Obama. [Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

[Think College Insight Brief Describes Statewide Strategic Planning Grants](#)

In an effort to support the continued growth in postsecondary options across the country, Think College funded Statewide Strategic Planning grants to 18 UCEDDs in 18 states from 2010 to 2012. These \$15,000 grants were funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [Read more...](#)

[Circular Graphs Show Relationships Between Time Use and Transportation \(MT UCEDD\)](#)

Andrew Myers uses circular graphs or "Circos graphs" as a visual tool to highlight relationships derived from large amounts of data from the American Time Use Survey. Circos graphs were initially used in the natural sciences to represent genome sequences, however, their utility for visualizing large data is particularly helpful for representing relationships between time use and transportation use among Americans with mobility impairments. [Read more...](#)

[VT LEND Fellow Co coordinates the First International Women's Day Event in Burlington, VT](#)

The VT-ILEHP LEND program is proud to announce that our family fellow, Fatuma Bulle, was one of the organizers of the International Women's Day at Burlington City Hall. Her co-organizer was Sandy Baird, Director of Institute for Civic Engagement at Burlington College. International Women's Day has been and is celebrated all over the world in many countries. This was the first such celebration in Burlington, Vermont.

[Read more...](#)

[University of Oregon \(OR UCEDD\) Early Intervention / Special Education Master's Program Now Accepting Applications](#)

Get your degree in a field that makes a difference in children's lives. This program from the University of Oregon leads to a Master's degree in special education and an initial teaching license with a specialization in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education. [Read more...](#)

[Call for Papers: IHD-AzUCEDD's Evidence-based Conference in Disability Disciplines](#)

The Call for Papers for the Institute for Human Development's second annual Evidenced Based Practice in Disability Disciplines Conference is now open. The conference is scheduled for October 2- 3, 2014. The program committee encourages interactive oral presentations that reflect the best available evidence related to a featured practice. Additionally, in keeping with the conference theme the presentation should pay particular attention to collaboration. [Read more...](#)

[Iowa UCEDD Partnerships Help Bring Paralympic Gold to Team USA](#)

When Team USA captured the sled hockey gold medal at the Paralympics in Sochi on March 15, veteran staff members from the Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD), Iowa's UCEDD, experienced a particularly strong sense of satisfaction. They recognized that in a small yet meaningful way, the UCEDD played a part in this achievement. [Read more...](#)

[Registration Now Open fo the Reinventing Quality 2014 Conference \(MN UCEDD\)](#)

Registration is now open for the Reinventing Quality 2014 Conference, "Ensuring Quality in Rapidly Changing Times," to be held in Baltimore, August 3-5, 2014. The conference is jointly hosted by the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, Research and Training Center on Community Living (Institute on Community Integration - MN UCEDD), Human Services Research Institute, University of Delaware National Leadership Consortium, American Network of Community Options and Resources, and American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. [Read more...](#)

[Sibs Looking Forward \(OH UCEDD\)](#)

Sibs Looking Forward is a weekend retreat for transition age youth with developmental disabilities and one or more of their siblings. The event is sponsored by Ohio SIBS,

Nisonger Center and the Ohio DD Council. Under the direction of Drs. Tom Fish and Sarah Hall, the weekend retreat is conducted at a YMCA camp. [Read more...](#)

[Vanderbilt Kennedy Center \(TN UCEDD\) Coordinates the 2014 Gatlinburg Conference](#)

The theme of this year's conference was "The Co-Occurrence of Mental Illness and Developmental Disability." The theme attracted clinicians and researchers from all over the U.S. and the globe, with attendees flying in from Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and India. The theme carried a broad interest across many fields, which made this year's conference the most widely attended in the history of the conference. [Read more...](#)

Federal Updates - Activities & Resources

[New Prevalence Data Finds 1 in 68 Children Have Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)

One in 68 children in the United States are identified with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) according to the latest estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The surveillance summary report, "Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder among Children Aged 8 Years-Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2010," estimates that there are 1.2 million children under the age of 21 with autism. [Read more...](#)

Member Spotlight

[The Other Side of Disability: IHD \(AZ UCEDD\) Instructor Matthew Wangeman Changes Attitudes One Class at a Time](#)

The classroom vibe is like any other: calm, quiet, a buzz in the air. Florescent lights illuminate the 35-person third-floor room in the Health and Learning Center. Hushed chatter between unfamiliar students works from one seat to the next as each casually files in, eyeing and locating a place to sit. It's all new. It's the first day of the Institute for Human Development's Intro to Disability Studies course. [Read more...](#)

Events

[EIEC Webinar: Using Video to Enhance Early Intervention Services](#)

April 22, 2014 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

[Applied Behavior Analysis: Statewide Issues and Solutions Webinar](#)

April 24, 2014 | 3:00pm - 4:00pm ET

[2014 Disability Policy Seminar Trainee Symposium](#)

April 6, 2014 | Washington, DC

[2014 Disability Policy Seminar](#)

April 7-9, 2014 | Washington, DC

[11th Annual National Institute on Effective Practices: Addressing Challenging Behavior](#)

April 23-25, 2014 | St. Petersburg, FL

[30th Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity](#)

May 19 - 20, 2014 | Honolulu, HI

[2014 Training Institutes](#)

July 16-19, 2014 | Washington DC

[Maternal-Child Health Conference 2014](#)

September 30-October 2, 2014, 2014 | Indianapolis, IN

[2014 Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conferences](#)

October 9 - 12, 2014 | Oklahoma City, OK

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Submissions

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