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AUCD Central Office News

[AUCD Unleashed: The Power of Engagement](#)

Ink your calendars for **AUCD Unleashed: The Power of Engagement on November 9-12, 2014**, get your submissions in, and make travel plans accordingly to participate in this engaging event that will serve in keeping our work relevant and our vision strong.

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[AUCD Congratulates CDC: 'Vital Signs' Emphasizes Importance of Physical Activity for People with Disabilities](#)

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) joins with disability and health leaders in congratulating the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) on the release of the current issue of Vital Signs on the importance of physical activity for people with disabilities. [Read more...](#)

[New Act Early Ambassadors Selected](#)

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are pleased to announce that thirty new Act Early Ambassadors have been selected from a group of highly qualified applicants.

[Read more...](#)

[Documentary 'Questions of Discrimination' Examines Screening for Mental Health Disabilities](#)

The documentary "Questions of Discrimination" portrays national and state disability advocates discussing the impact questions of "character and fitness" which screen for mental health disabilities have on applicants and diversity in the legal profession.

AUCD's Andy Imparato is featured in this documentary. [Read more...](#)

Network News – Awards & Honors

[Royal Walker, JD, Appointed to the National Council on Disability](#)

President Obama has appointed Royal Walker, JD - Executive Director of the Mississippi University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), the Institute for Disability Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi - to the National Council on Disability. [Read more...](#)

[Iowa COMPASS \(IA UCEDD\) Receives National Recognition as Model Website](#)

Iowa COMPASS, a program of the Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD), Iowa's UCEDD, was recently recognized in a report produced by the Alliance of

Information and Referral Systems (AIRS), a national association that determines quality standards for information and referral agencies, as a model website. [Read more...](#)

[Tom Seekins \(RTC MT UCEDD\) Receives 2014 ADA Award at UM](#)

The University of Montana awarded Tom Seekins its Americans with Disabilities Act Award for 2014. The ADA Award honors individuals whose contributions advance education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities at the University of Montana in Missoula, and who carry on the spirit of the ADA. [Read more...](#)

[ICI's Jill Eastman Wins Award from MA APSE](#)

Jill Eastman, an employment specialist at the ICI, recently received the Job Developer of the Year award from Massachusetts APSE. APSE is a national organization that supports people with disabilities to find competitive jobs in their communities. [Read more...](#)

[Craig Ravesloot Named NARRTC 2014 Distinguished Service Award Recipient \(RTC MT UCEDD\)](#)

Craig Ravesloot, Ph.D., was awarded the National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Center 2014 Distinguished Service award at the NARRTC annual conference in Washington, DC." [Read more...](#)

[Ashley Wolfe \(ICI MA UCEDD\) will receive the Disability Law Centers Individual Leadership Award](#)

Ashley Wolfe, a research liaison at the ICI, will receive the Disability Law Center's Individual Leadership Award at the 2014 Annual Benefit and Auction. The benefit will take place in Cambridge, MA. [Read more...](#)

Network News – People on the Move

[Center for Development and Disability \(NM\) Welcomes Marcia Moriarta, PsyD, as New Executive Director](#)

Marcia Moriarta, PsyD, has been appointed the Executive Director of the Center for Development and Disability (CDD) at the University of New Mexico, New Mexico's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD). [Read more...](#)

[Waisman Center \(WI\) Welcomes William E. MacLean, Jr., PhD, as Associate Director](#)

In August 2014, Bill MacLean, PhD, will join the Waisman Center as the associate director of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). [Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

[New Resources Focus on Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

The MCH Library at Georgetown University, with support from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, released a new knowledge path and set of resource briefs about autism spectrum disorder. ” [Read more...](#)

['Baby Motor Milestones: Birth to 2 Years' Video](#)

Pediatrician Lisa Shulman shows the motor milestones expected in typically developing babies, from head control to walking and what pediatricians look for during a well-baby visit. [Read more...](#)

[Documenting the Implementation of Cultural and Linguistic Competence: A Guide for Maternal and Child Health Bureau Funded Training Programs](#)

Documenting the Implementation of Cultural and Linguistic Competence: A Guide for Maternal and Child Health Bureau Funded Training Programs is designed to provide suggested approaches that can be used for grant proposals, progress reports, and site visits to document these efforts or to document progress over time. [Read more...](#)

[Impact: Feature Issue on Stories of Advocacy, Stories of Change from People with Disabilities, Their Families, and Allies \(1988-2013\)](#)

The just-released 25th anniversary issue of the publication Impact from the Institute on Community Integration brings together powerful personal stories from individuals with disabilities, their families, and allies to provide a snapshot of how the disability rights movement has touched individual lives over the past 25 years. [Read more...](#)

[North East Advocates Together \(NEAT\) and DD Network Allies Draft State Plans for Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance \(ME UCEDD\)/a>](#)

Twenty-five members of the AIDD-funded North East Advocates Together (NEAT) Peer-to-Peer Connections Technical Assistance Project, representing self-advocacy organizations and their Developmental Disabilities Network allies from six states, recently gathered for a two-day planning meeting in Manchester, NH. [Read more...](#)

[The Power of Partnership: Project HEAL \(MD UCEDD\) and RE/MAX Preferred](#)

RE/MAX Preferred in Baltimore, Maryland launched its corporate partnership with Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law), a community-based program of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute. [Read more...](#)

[State Law Bridge Fellowship Program \(MD UCEDD\)](#)

Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law), a community-based program of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute, is proud to announce they will host a Penn State Law Bridge Fellow. W. Benjamin Jackson III, a former Project HEAL summer law clerk. [Read more...](#)

[The LEND Center of Pittsburgh Held Annual Portfolio Day celebration.](#)

The LEND Center of Pittsburgh held their Annual Portfolio Day celebration. Portfolio Day is the culmination of the work LEND trainees dedicate to the program throughout the academic year. [Read more...](#)

[M.S. in Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health, Concentration in Developmental Disabilities FULLY ONLINE! Organization: Florida Center for Inclusive Communities \(FCIC FL UCEDD\)](#)

The FCIC and University of South Florida announce a FULLY ONLINE Master of Science degree in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health with a concentration in Developmental Disabilities starting Spring 2015!

[Four Georgia Colleges Awarded Inclusive Post Secondary Education Feasibility Grants](#)

The Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD) and the Georgia Inclusive Post Secondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC) are excited to announce the awarding of grants to four colleges and universities in Georgia, to study the feasibility of offering inclusive post-secondary education programs for young adults with developmental disabilities.

[Read more...](#)

[Dan Habib TEDx talk: Disabling Segregation \(IOD NH UCEDD\)](#)

You might be surprised by the most compelling reason filmmaker Dan Habib makes for inclusive education in his TEDx AmoskeagMillyard talk (Hint: it's not about his son, Samuel!). [Read More...](#)

Federal Updates - Activities & Resources

[2013 IACC Summary of Advances in Autism Spectrum Disorder Research](#)

The Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) has released its top twenty picks for the most significant studies in autism research in 2013. [Read more...](#)

Member Spotlight

[The Meaning of Brown vs. Board of Education for Children with Disabilities](#)

Tony Antosh, Director of the Sherlock Center in Rhode Island, and AUCD's Executive Director Andy Imparato collaborated on this guest post for the American Constitution Society about the meaning of 'Brown v. Board of Education' for children with disabilities.

[Read more...](#)

Events

[2014 CAAI Module](#)

June 9 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm ET

Regional Genetic Collaborative (RC) / LEND Virtual Meeting

June 26 | 2:30pm - 4:00pm

2014 CAAI Virtual Poster Symposium

July 28-29 | 3:00pm - 6:00pm ET

The Multicultural Council Presents: Supporting Former Refugee Families with Children with Disabilities in LEND Programs

August | 3:00pm - 4:00pm ET

AAIDD Annual Meeting

June 23-26, 2014 | Orlando, FL

2014 Training Institutes

July 16-19, 2014 | Washington, DC

Reinventing Quality 2014

August 3-5, 2014 | Baltimore, MD

Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disorders

August 7-9, 2014 | Sacramento, CA

The Arc's 2014 National Convention

September 30-October 2, 2014 | New Orleans, LA

Maternal-Child Health Conference 2014

September 30-October 2, 2014 | Indianapolis, IN

2014 Chronic Illness and Disability Conference: Transition from Pediatric to Adult-based Care

October 2 - 3, 2014 | Online Broadcast Live & Houston, TX

2014 Southwest Conference on Disability

October 7 - 10, 2014 | Albuquerque, NM

2014 Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conferences

October 9 - 12, 2014 | Oklahoma City, OK

14th Annual Autism Conference: Autism - Advances in Research and Services

October 16 - 17, 2014 | Baltimore, MD

AUCD Unleashed: The Power of Engagement

November 9-12, 2014 | Washington, DC

Employment Opportunities

Please check the [Employment page](#) on our website for opportunities within the AUCD network.

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Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs

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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)

- Visit the [IDDRC page](#).

Trainees and Early Career professionals (ECP) at all member Centers

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Submissions

News items may be submitted for consideration via the [AUCDigest Submission page](#).

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