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AUCD Central Office News

[New Name, New Leadership, \(Re\)Newed Focus! Council on Technology and Innovation in Interdisciplinary Services \(CTIIS\)](#)

Greetings and Happy New Year! The Council on Interdisciplinary Services (CIS) has recently changed its name to the Council on Technology and Innovation in Interdisciplinary Services (CTIIS). What is exciting about the name change is a more targeted emphasis on technology and innovation in interdisciplinary services. [Read more...](#)

[2014 AUCD Disability Leadership Policy Fellow: Call for Applications](#)

The Policy Fellowship is an opportunity for an advanced network member to live and work in Washington, DC for one year, learning about AUCD, current legislation affecting people with disabilities and their families, and exercising leadership skills. The Fellow's responsibilities will be developed based on the needs of the Association and the interest and experience of the Fellow. [Read more...](#)

Network News – Awards & Honors

[Congratulations to Sam Odom Recipient of the Arnold Lucius Gesell Prize](#)

The Theodor Hellbrugge Foundation has awarded Samuel L. Odom the 2013 Arnold Lucius Gesell Prize for an outstanding career in the field of child development. Noting Odom's "extraordinary contributions" in research and service, the foundation presented him with the award at an international conference convened to celebrate the prize. [Read more...](#)

[AACAP George Tarjan Award for Contributions in Developmental Disabilities](#)

CIDD Director, Joe Piven, M.D., is the 2013 recipient of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) George Tarjan Award for Contributions in Developmental Disabilities. The Award recognizes a child and adolescent psychiatrist and AACAP member who has made significant contributions in a lifetime career or single seminal work to the understanding or care of those with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. [Read more...](#)

Network News – People on the Move

[Jackson Roush, PhD Named the Director/Principal Investigator for CIDD NC LEND](#)

The Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) is pleased to announce that Jackson Roush, PhD has been named the Director/Principal Investigator of the

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program.
[Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

[ICI's Paula Sotnik on Why Disability Simulations Don't Work](#)

ICI project director Paula Sotnik wrote an article and is featured on a radio episode on the disability employment site Out of Step. Both the article and the episode discuss the disability-awareness training technique of having people without disabilities take on the disability experience (for example, through wearing a blindfold or using a wheelchair).

[Read more...](#)

[4 UCEDDs and LENDs Receive Grants from the Special Hope Foundation Catalytic Community Outreach Model: Comprehensive Health Care for Adults IDD Grants](#)

The Special Hope Foundation, in collaboration with AADMD, is pleased to announce that four universities within the UCEDD/LEND network were selected to each receive funding through the Special Hope Foundation's grant program. These grants will support the organizations within their projects that promote comprehensive health care for adults with developmental disabilities by raising awareness at the healthcare student level and by supporting their communities. [Read more...](#)

[Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council \(IA UCEDD\) Hosts Successful Policy Summit](#)

The Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council (Prevention Council) hosted a day-long, statewide disability policy summit near Des Moines. Entitled "Preventing Disabilities and Ensuring Access to Care," the Summit attracted nearly 130 government officials, consumers, family members, and private and public agency representatives. Participants worked together to identify priority needs in Iowa and offer consensus policy recommendations. [Read more...](#)

Updates from Project HEAL (MD UCEDD)

[Ballard Spahr Teams with Kennedy Krieger Institute \(MD UCEDD\) on Project HEAL](#)

Low- and moderate-income families raising children with disabilities face numerous challenges navigating the legal and health care systems. To assist them, Ballard Spahr is partnering with the world-renowned Kennedy Krieger Institute to provide pro bono support through Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law). [Read more...](#)

[Project HEAL \(MD UCEDD\) Partners with RE/MAX Preferred](#)

Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law), a community-based program of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute launched a new partnership with a RE/MAX Preferred in

Baltimore. RE/MAX Preferred will make a monthly agency contribution to Project HEAL based on their number of closings. [Read more...](#)

[Alaska LEND Family Advisory Council Parent Training Series](#)

The Alaska LEND Family Advisory Council (LFAC) was formed May 2013 to provide guidance to LEND on all family components of the program. The group of 9 parents meet monthly to work on activities. One goal for this year is to offer a parent training series. The LFAC used a survey to identify a list of possible topics, and then picked the top 4 to offer for this year. [Read more...](#)

Updates from NH UCEDD

[UNH Professor and Graduate Students Conduct Assistive Technology Workshops in India](#)

For two weeks in December, the UNH Institute on Disability's Dr. Therese Willkomm, along with Occupational Therapy graduate students Emily Hames and Vanessa Tocco, travelled to India to promote the continued development and use of low-budget assistive technology for people with disabilities. [Read more...](#)

[Setting Schools Up for Success with New Genetics Education Materials \(NH UCEDD\)](#)

GEMSS is a free website featuring information that school faculty and administration can use to support students who have genetic conditions. Experts in the field have contributed a wealth of information in a well-organized, engaging, and easy to use online resource. [Read more...](#)

[Institute on Disability \(NH UCEDD\) Releases Annual Disability Statistics Compendium](#)

The Institute on Disability (IOD) at the University of New Hampshire's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) released its Annual Disability Statistics Compendium at event in Washington, DC. [Read more...](#)

[MN UCEDD Launches New Partnerships in India](#)

The Institute on Community Integration (ICI) at the University of Minnesota (MN UCEDD) has launched two new projects that bring together educators in India and the U.S. to improve supports for children, youth, and adults with disabilities. " [Read more...](#)

[Parent-assisted Social Skills Training in Early Childhood: PEERS for Preschoolers \(UCLA CA UCEDD\)](#)

Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson, faculty at the Tarjan University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and Dr. Mina Park, a post-doctoral fellow at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior are launching a new research study called PEERS® for Preschoolers. [Read more...](#)

Federal Updates - Activities & Resources

[Video on Early Childhood Intervention: The Power of Family](#)

The Open Society Foundations has published a new video entitled Early Childhood Intervention: The Power of Family (December 2013). This 7:35 minute video features leaders in the field of early childhood development from around the world discussing the benefits of early childhood intervention and the key importance of families to the early intervention process - with input from AUCD network members. [Read more...](#)

Member Spotlight

[STEP UP Council \(MS UCEDD\) Sponsors Fun-Filled Game Day at The Rock](#)

The Southern Miss football team has recently experienced a series of disappointing losses. However, on Sept. 25 when the STEP UP (Starting Today Empowering Peers through Uniting and Participating) to Leadership Council hosted the Arc's Rise and Shine adult program, winning ruled the day. The STEP UP to Leadership Council is composed of youth and young adults with and without disabilities. Council members serve as leaders within their schools, colleges/universities, and communities.

[Read more...](#)

Events

[Disability Policy Seminar Orientation For Students, Trainees, and Early Career Professionals](#)

March 11 | 3pm - 4pm EST

[Read more about our webinars and register.](#)

[The Spectrum of Developmental Disabilities XXXVI: Intellectual Disability: At the Precipice](#)

March 17-19, 2014 | Baltimore MD

[2014 Disability Policy Seminar Trainee Symposium](#)

April 6, 2014 | Washington, DC

[Registration Now Open! 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

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Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs

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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)

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

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Submissions

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