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# AUCD Central Office News

## [Six by '15: Send us Your Stories for Disability Employment Awareness Month!](#)

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Expect. Employ. Empower." and asks "What can YOU do?". In keeping with these messages, we want your stories about disability employment to feature on the [Six by '15 site](#) and as part of the campaign. [Read more...](#)

## [AUCD Welcomes Leon Barnett as Program Specialist for the OSEP Promise TA Center](#)

Leon Barnett is currently serving as a Program Specialist for the OSEP Promise TA Center. He received his Master's degree in Leadership for School, Family, and Community Collaboration from The Johns Hopkins University. [Read more...](#)

## [AUCD Welcomes Jessica Finkel as Program Assistant](#)

Jessica Finkel is the Program Assistant at AUCD. She assists with general office and administrative operations, including cross-departmental needs and web services. She also works with the development opportunities as needed. [Read more...](#)

## [AUCD Welcomes Paul Gottlich as Meetings Intern](#)

Paul Gottlich serves as the intern for this November's AUCD UNLEASED Annual Conference. He received a Bachelor's degree in Middle East Foreign Policy and International Business/Marketing from The Johns Hopkins University. [Read more...](#)

## [AUCD Welcomes Shannon Haworth as Senior Program Specialist for the LEND Team](#)

Shannon Haworth is the new senior specialist for the LEND team. She most recently worked for the Partnership for People with Disabilities as the Project Manager for the Virginia state autism implementation grant. She is a former Virginia LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) trainee. [Read more...](#)

# Network News – People on the Move

## [Mallory Finn Joins Project Heal \(MCDD MD UCEDD\)](#)

In the August of 2014, the Maryland Center for Development Disabilities was pleased to offer Mallory the staff attorney position with Project HEAL, Maryland's only comprehensive medical-legal partnership which provides advocacy and legal services to children with disabilities and their families. [Read more...](#)

# Network News – Awards and Honors

## [JoAnne Malloy \(IOD NH UCEDD\) wins National Rockstar Award from Youth M.O.V.E.](#)

The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire congratulates Dr. JoAnne M. Malloy on her selection as the recipient of the Dr. Gary M. Blau Professional of the Year award from youth advocacy group Youth M.O.V.E. National. The award recognizes Dr. Malloy's commitment to youth engagement, outstanding research, and performance as a social services educator. [Read more...](#)

## [UNH \(IOD NH UCEDD\) Filmmaker Appointed to Obamas Disability Committee](#)

President Barack Obama has announced his intent to appoint Dan Habib, project director and filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability (IOD), to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, the White House announced. [Read more...](#)

## [Patterson Achieves Career, Recognition Award by APSE \(Nisonger OH UCEDD/LEND\)](#)

Former Dennison resident, 22-year-old Sam Patterson, has wanted a career working with exotic animals since he was a small boy. And while employment specialists assumed his disability would prevent him from doing so, his family encouraged him to pursue his dream. [Read more...](#)

# Network News - Activities & Resources

## [Iowa UCEDD Self-Employment Publication Showcases Successful Entrepreneurs with Disabilities](#)

The Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD), Iowa's UCEDD, recently released "Thinking Outside the Employment Box," a publication which tells the stories of 18 entrepreneurs with disabilities and the diverse businesses they have created. Each story describes the genesis for the business, the resources brought together to support the business, and the benefits of business ownership for each entrepreneur.

[Read more...](#)

## [Special Issue of Medical Care Highlights Health Disparities at the Intersection of Disability, Race and Ethnicity](#)

"This special issue of Medical Care is focused on the intersection of disability, race, and ethnicity and the particular health care barriers faced by people at this intersection," according to an introductory article by the supplement guest editors, Willi Horner-Johnson, PhD, of Oregon Health & Science University, Portland; Glenn T. Fujiura, PhD, of the University of Illinois at Chicago; and Tawara D. Goode, MA, of Georgetown University. The goal is to foster a new research agenda for research into health care

disparities affecting adults with disabilities who are also members of underserved racial and ethnic groups. [Read more...](#)

### **[Nebraska Disability Network Hosts Self-Advocates at their Joint Board Meeting \(NE UCEDD\)](#)**

The annual Joint Board meeting of the Nebraska DD Network, including the Munroe-Meyer Institute (UCEDD), the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Disability Rights Nebraska (NE Protection & Advocacy) provided a special opportunity for self-advocate board members from all three network's advisory boards and the officers and advisors of People First Nebraska to further develop self-advocate activities in the state. [Read more...](#)

### **[The "Values in Disabilities Book Discussion" assignment at WIHD LEND program](#)**

In order to work effectively with and on behalf of children and adults with disabilities and family members, leaders must develop skills for and commitment to being attuned to the viewpoint, rights and perspectives of people with disabilities and their families. [Read more...](#)

### **["Life Course Game" for LEND trainees \(WIHD NY LEND\)](#)**

LEND Trainees at WIHD are learning how to apply knowledge of Life Course Theory and Social Determinants of Health to their work with children with disabilities and their families. One of the learning experiences in this portion of the curriculum is a session in which LEND trainees play the "Life Course Game" and debrief their experiences with the game. [Read more...](#)

### **[Improving Early Screening and Diagnosis of Autism in Underserved Populations in Arizona \(AZLEND\)](#)**

The University of Arizona LEND Developmental Screening Technical Assistance Program was established to improve and increase compliance with AAP developmental surveillance and screening guidelines in early childhood for rural community health centers and practices providing services to diverse, underserved populations in southern and northern Arizona. [Read more...](#)

### **[Think Employment! Summit focuses on raising expectations, opportunities, and future self-advocates \(Vanderbilt TN UCEDD\)](#)**

With the goal of sharing best practices and building community partnerships in order to improve employment outcomes for Tennesseans with disabilities, the summit pulled together an impressive lineup of speakers that included Thompson, as well as keynote speakers Paul Wehman, Ph.D., who helped to pioneer the development of supported employment at Virginia Commonwealth University in the early 1980s, and Fiona Hawks, a dynamic and highly independent self-advocate who has been employed full-time for 14 years. [Read More...](#)

### **[Online Graduate Certificate: Positive Behavior Support \(USF FL UCEDD\)](#)**

The University of South Florida (USF) and the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities offers a fully online Graduate Certificate in Positive Behavior Support. This certificate

program offers an evidence-based approach to resolving challenging, and supporting prosocial, behavior in children and youth within schools and early education settings. [Read more...](#)

### **"DDI (MI UCEDD) Author Talk October 30: Kalamazoo College Professor Addresses the Journey of Life and Autism"**

Beginning in 2007, the DDI Author Series has brought several Authors to the Wayne State University campus to discuss their work. The series features authors who have contributed work to the field of disabilities. The next DDI Author Series talk will feature Dr. Bruce Mills. [Read more...](#)

### **MN LEND Brief on Positive Behavior Support Released**

This issue of the LEND Brief focuses on person-centered positive behavior support (PBS) and on individuals living in community settings who have benefitted from systematic and longitudinally delivered positive behavior support and person-centered planning (PCP).

[Read More...](#)

### **Autism Insurance Coverage in Nebraska (NE UCEDD/LEND)**

Dr. ElizOn September 25th, 2014, the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), hosted the "Health Insurance for Autism Spectrum Disorders in Nebraska: What Parents and Service Providers Need to Know About the Nebraska Autism Insurance Law". [Read More...](#)

## **AUCD 2014**

### **AUCD Unleashed: The Power of Engagement**

This year's theme reflects our goal of achieving an elevated level of engagement with our respective and collective communities, networks, and well beyond in order to better inform, enhance, and enrich the work we all do to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

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## **Member Spotlight**

### **WVU CED Trainee participates in White House Panel**

Shinnston, W.Va., native Brittany Valdez, a graduate trainee at the Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) participated in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) award panel at the White House for National Preparedness Month. Valdez works with the West Virginia assistive technology nonprofit Partnerships in Assistive Technologies (PATHS, Inc.) and is a graduate assistant with the West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS) housed at the Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) at WVU. These projects are dedicated to increasing awareness about and access to assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities in West Virginia. [Read More...](#)

## Events

[Act EARly Forum Webinaar: Healthy Beginnings System of Care Project](#)

October 23 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET

[Marketing and Branding your UCEDD: Standing out in your University and the Community](#)

October 23 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET

[Health Literacy Principles and Adult Education Strategies to Engage Families in Early Intervention Services](#)

October 28 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET

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

[2014 TASH Conference - Be the Future](#)

December 3, 2014 | Washington, DC

[Next Chapter Book Club & Beyond: A conference on literacy for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities](#)

April 17-18, 2014 | Chicago, IL

[Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity](#)

May 18-19, 2014 | Honolulu, HI

## Employment Opportunities

AUCD Position Announcements:

- [Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship](#)
- [Project Manager](#)
- [Program Director](#)
- [Program Manager](#)

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# Submissions

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

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