



# THE POWER OF THE NETWORK

Get Connected and Involved with AUCD

3,000 Trainees with a common goal: Learn about assisting & collaborating with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.



# AUCD Welcomes You!





# AUCD's Virtual Trainee 2017-2018!

## LaKeshia Pettigrew, B.S.



- Born & raised in Milwaukee, WI
- Mother of an 8 year-old on the Autism Spectrum
- 2nd Year Family Advocate Fellow at UW-Madison's Waisman Center, via the UW-Milwaukee LEND Link program
- WI's first Autism Family Navigator: HRSA quality improvement effort
- Working toward improving disparities & low ASD prevalence in Milwaukee



# AUCD Program Specialist

## Christine Liao, MSW

- AUCD Program Specialist, Maternal and Child Health Technical Assistance
- Former AZLEND trainee
- Background: psychology, social work – emphasis on intersectionality
- Trainee and early career professional engagement
- Trainee voice





# AUCD's Associate Executive Director for Research and Policy

- John Tschida, MPP
- Working to improve the health and community living outcomes of people with disabilities
- Previously director of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)





## What will I be doing this year, as Virtual Trainee?

- Direct connection to AUCD
  - Through social media and the email listserv
  - Plan to attend sessions & other activities at AUCD's national conference Nov 5-8
- Build and strengthen our network
  - With help from all of you, including the Trainee Liaisons, & Assistant Virtual Trainee
- Annual Project – coming soon!



## What will I be doing this year, as Virtual Trainee?

- Be a spokeswoman for you
- Work with the Board Trainee to communicate what Trainees are saying and doing within the Network
- Please tell me how I can help!



# Connect and Get Involved with us!

Facebook: AUCD Trainees



Twitter: @AUCDvt



Instagram: @AUCDpix



Snapchat: @AUCDnetwork



Listserv: Sign up ([www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org) > Resources > listserv)





# Benefits of being connected

- Get specific information relevant to Trainees
- Great way to stay up to date on information regarding conferences, including scholarship opportunities
- Stay up to date on policy information
- Updates on job opportunities in the network!
- Excellent opportunity to share information about what you're working on at your Center



# What can YOU do this year?

- Check out AUCD newsletters, publications, and engage in webinars
- Join a Council and Special Interest Group (SIGs)
- Connect with faculty and staff from programs within the AUCD network through directories
- Register for Webinars or look up archived webinars to view





# AUCD Trainee Leadership Opportunities

- Trainee Liaison
  - Volunteer opportunity
  - September 30 deadline
    - Have your Director/Training director email the Virtual Trainee your interest (make sure you're cc'ed on the email!)
- Assistant Virtual Trainee
  - PAID leadership opportunity
  - 2-3 hours a week
  - Spring 2018 only
  - Application opens November/December 2017



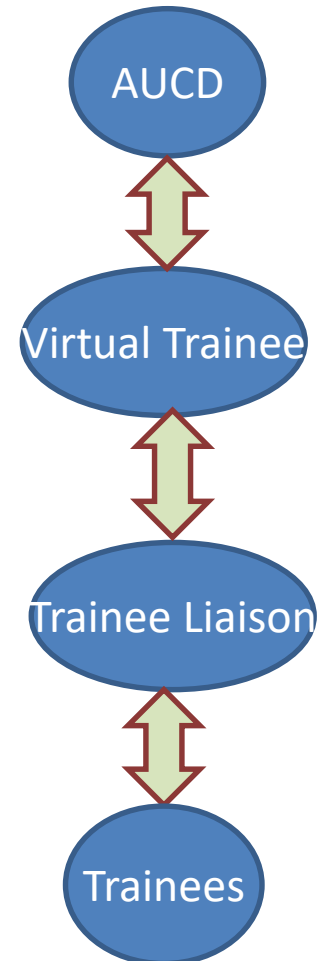
# Trainee Liaisons (TL)

## Benefits

- Meet trainees from other membership sites
- Enhance leadership skills
- Represent your Program/Center on a national level

## Responsibilities

- Provide input for social media, other AUCD projects
- Relay info from to your Program/Center to VT
- Relay info from VT/AUCD to your Center
- Participate in quarterly calls with all TLs
- Submit an *AUCD360* news article
- Attend one webinar
- Encourage AUCD awareness/participation locally





# Trainee Liaisons



We're still looking for  
Trainee Liaisons!

**If you are interested, please let  
your Director or Training  
Director know by  
September 30!**

Our Goal: to have a Trainee Liaison at  
EACH Center and Program.

*Will it be you?*



# Upcoming AUCD Events

## 2017 AUCD Conference

Nov. 5-8 in Washington, D.C.

- Networking
- Projects
- Jobs/Post Docs
- Trainee Activities



Scholarship  
Application  
**Due Sept. 27!!**

[www.aucd.org/conference](http://www.aucd.org/conference)

## Disability Policy Seminar 2018

Apr. 23-25 in Washington, D.C.

- Networking
- Advocacy
- Content is heavy on Policy





# Pre-order AUCD 2017 shirts!

- Pre-order Conference shirts!
  - Closing pre-order date: Thurs, 10/12
  - Can order on site, prices slightly higher
  - [Pre-order website link](#)
- Not attending the Conference?
  - Have someone pick it up for you!





# Recap of how to get connected and involved with AUCD today!

## 1. Post to Facebook

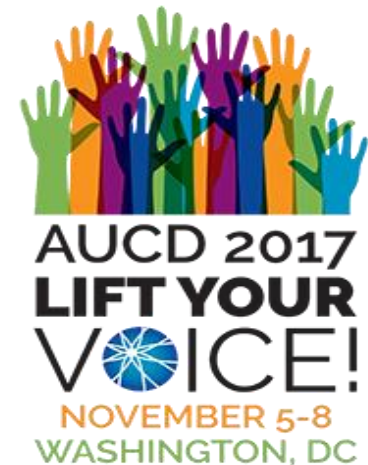
- Updates
- Educational Opportunities
- Inspirational Stories

## 2. Tweet!!

- Tag @AUCDvt

## 3. Register for AUCD 2017 Conference by Oct. 20th

- Scholarship Deadline Sept. 27th







Let's hear from you!

Name ONE way that  
you'll get connected and  
involved with AUCD

(i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter,  
Liaison, etc...)



## Poll time:

- Question: Name ONE way that you'll get connected and involved with AUCD
  - Newsletter, SIG, Liaison, Facebook, Twitter, Conference... and more!
- Two ways to take the poll:
  - Text CHRISTINELIA433 to 22333 (two two three three three)
  - Website link (shared in webinar)



# Any Questions?

The webinar will be archived and shared through the  
Trainee listserv!

Please take our evaluation at the end of this webinar.

Questions? Email:

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