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## Member Spotlight



The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Music Camp provides a unique opportunity for individuals with Williams Syndrome to focus on what they love and do well - music.  
[Read more...](#)

## Events

**10th National Early Childhood Inclusion**

## AUCD Central Office News



### AUCD 2010 Annual Conference: Call for Proposals Now Open

The 2010 Call for Proposals is currently open. We are again seeking concurrent sessions, poster presentations, and films for the media room. One exciting addition to the 2010 Conference is the Poster Roundtables. Located in the poster exhibit hall with posters and speakers situated around a table to facilitate discussion, these 75-minute small-group sessions will be led by a panel of presenters on the chosen topic, encouraging an engaging exchange of ideas and interaction between participants. Read more about the poster round tables [here](#). Proposals will be accepted on a wide variety of topics through June 28, 2010. **Submit yours today!**

## Network News Announcements & Awards

### Susan Hetherington, MS, Appointed as Deputy Director of the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities (NY UCEDD/LEND)

Susan Hetherington, MS, has been appointed as Deputy Director of the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). In her role as Deputy Director, Susan will focus on increasing SCDD's role in the community and on health transitions for young adults with disabilities, as well as continuing her work on employment for transitioning students and young adults. [Read more...](#)

### Cary Kreutzer, MPH, RD, Awarded the Distinguished Professional of the Year Award from the Family Resource Center Network of California (USC Childrens Hospital Los Angeles: CA UCEDD/LEND)

The award was presented to Ms. Kreutzer in recognition of her ongoing technical assistance and leadership in the areas of nutrition, telehealth and use of distance technology for training. [Read more...](#)

## Activities

**Institute on Human Development and Disability (GA UCEDD) Launches AgrAbility Farm**

## Institute (NC UCEDD/LEND/IDDRC)

Monday, May 17-19, 2010

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

The National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute is the premier event for people that care about young children to come together to learn, share and problem-solve. **Read More...**

## Student and Early Career Professional Webinar

May 14, 2010

2:00 pm- 3:00 pm Est



The Student and Early Career Professional Committee of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) invite you to participate in an upcoming early career development webinar on grant writing skills.

## Disability Policy Seminar: Materials Available

Policy issue fact sheets for the 2010 Disability Policy Seminar are now available on the event's website. Topics include health care reform, employment, education, housing, autism, and many more...

## Employment Opportunities

Technical Assistance Director



The AgrAbility Project was created to assist people with disabilities employed in agriculture and is administered by USDA-Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service. The project links the Cooperative Extension Service at a land-grant university with a disability service organization to provide practical education

and assistance that promotes independence in agricultural production and rural living. **Read more on the AgrAbility Project...**

## Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (ME UCEDD) Awarded Grants for Universal Design Course and Faculty Learning Circle

Maine UCEDD Director Lu Zeph, EdD, and University of Maine Associate Professor Tina Passman (Modern Languages and Classics), have been awarded a faculty development grant from the university's Continuing Education Division to develop an innovative asynchronous course for the Spring 2011 semester. Their successful course proposal, *Universal Design: Transforming Systems*, will build on the principles of universal design and investigate challenges of equity, access and inclusion in human systems in education, community development, health care, recreation and public policy. **Read more...**

## Collaboration to Offer On-line Continuing Medical Education Course on Autism Spectrum



The Oklahoma Autism Network and the Irwin H. Brown Office of Continuing Medical Education, both at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OK UCEDD/LEND), have collaborated to offer an on-line continuing medical education course on autism spectrum disorders. This web-based course provides an overview of the American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for screening and medical management of ASD. The course is presented by Paul Carbone, MD, from the University of Utah (UT LEND). **Read more...**



Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities  
at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MD UCEDD) Develops Curriculum for Emergency Department Staff

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at the Kennedy Krieger Institute received a National Community Benefit Grant from Kaiser Permanente to develop a training curriculum for emergency department (ED) staff on how to work with patients with intellectual disabilities. **Read more...**

## University of Nebraska Medical Center (NE UCEDD/LEND/IDDRC) Researcher uses NASA Technology for

This is a **senior management position** within AUCD with significant responsibility for the overall direction and management of the Association.

### Database Manager

AUCD seeks a **Database Manager** to assist and carry out work that will enhance the operations of its individual member Centers and the AUCD network in collecting, organizing, analyzing and displaying data.

### AUCD Policy Fellowship

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.

### Children with Disabilities



Wearing a specially designed pair of neoprene shorts, users zip their lower body into the air chamber that surrounds the treadmill. The AlterG measures their body weight. Users can decrease their weight using the control panel. This research was conducted by

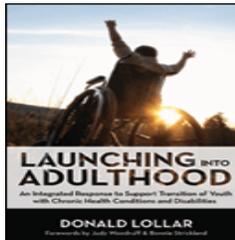
Max Kurz, Ph.D., director of biomechanics at MMI; Wayne Stuber, Ph.D., director of physical therapy at MMI; and physical therapists Brad Corr and Nina Smith.

**Read more about the NASA Technology...**

## Resources

### Transition Book Published by AUCD Network Members

Edited by Don Lollar, EdD, Oregon Health & Science University (OR UCEDD/LEND), "Launching into Adulthood: An Integrated Response to



Support Transition of Youth with Chronic Health Conditions and Disabilities" makes research-based recommendations that will streamline access to services, meet young people's individual needs, and improve long-term outcomes. Chapter authors include network members and AUCD's Executive Director. **Read more...**



### Institute on Community Integration (MN UCEDD) Publishes New Resource on Aging and Individuals with Disabilities

"Impact: Feature Issue on Aging and People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" is a new publication offering fresh, practical, and challenging perspectives on supporting aging individuals with disabilities and their families.

Published by the Institute on Community Integration (MN UCEDD), it includes articles from individuals with disabilities, service providers, advocates, family members, and researchers. Covering topics ranging from family relationships, spirituality, and health, to community inclusion, futures planning, and "what growing older means to me," this Impact offers readers an important resource as they journey with the aging adults with disabilities who are in their lives. It is available **online** at no cost.

To receive a complimentary copy of the print edition, contact the Institute's Publications Office at 612-624-4512 or by **email**.

## Submissions

News items may be submitted for consideration to

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Electronic copies of pictures are encouraged.

*Danielle*

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