

AUCD Central Office News

AUCD Members to be Appointed to President Obama's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The mission of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) is to provide advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities and the field of Intellectual Disabilities. Chaired by James T. Brett of the New England Council, AUCD members to be appointed include:



Dr. Deborah Spitalnik

Deborah M. Spitalnik, Ph.D. is the founding Executive Director of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at New Jersey Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where she is also a Professor of Pediatrics. A co-author of two editions of the classification manual in intellectual disability, Dr. Spitalnik educates a wide range of constituencies including individuals with disabilities and their families, medical students, resident physicians, direct support professionals, and social workers. [Read more...](#)

Elizabeth Weintraub currently works for AUCD,



Liz Weintraub

as Self-Advocacy Project Specialist. She also serves as a consultant for the National Children's Center, and for the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). She represents CQL in a variety of local, state, and national forums regarding quality of life for people with disabilities. [Read more...](#)

Sheryl White-Director of medically frail at for Brooklyn Previously, Dr. Health Services Development



Dr. Sheryl White-Scott

Scott, MD is currently the Associate Community Health Services for the AHRC/New York City and Medical Director Developmental Disabilities Services. White-Scott was the Director of Adult at the Westchester Institute of Human (NY UCEDD/LEND). [Read more...](#)

AUCD's Webinar Library Receives Merit Recognition in the Web Health Awards



Web Health Awards honor the nation's best digital health resources. The Winter/Spring 2011 competition featured 17 entry categories, including blog, e-newsletter, interactive content, mobile application, social network, video, and website. A panel of 39 experts in digital health media served as judges and selected

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Member Spotlight

[South Dakota's Center for Disabilities Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary in 2011](#)



The SD Center for Disabilities has a long and distinguished history of providing training, service, information and research in the area of developmental disabilities to the state of South Dakota and the region. The Center for Disabilities began in 1971 as the Developmental Disabilities Evaluation Center (DDEC) on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion, South Dakota. [Read more...](#)

gold, silver, bronze, and merit winners from among more than 500 entries. [Read more](#) and check our [webinar library](#).

Network News - Awards

Sandy Root-Elledge and Michelle Jarman (WY UCEDD) Receive Awards



Sandy Root-Elledge and Michelle Jarman

Sandy Root-Elledge was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her never-ending efforts and work within the disability field. Michelle Jarman received the Outstanding Teacher Award for her above and beyond teaching in the classroom and work with students. [Read more...](#)

Katherine Mahosky and Matthew Wangeman (AZ UCEDD) Receive Teaching Innovation Award



Katherine Mahosky and Matthew Wangeman

Co-instructors for the Introduction to Disability Studies (DIS201) course, Katherine Mahosky and Matthew Wangeman received the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Teaching Innovation Award for their efforts in this introductory class for the disability minor offered by the Institute for Human Development. [Read more...](#)

Deborah Spitalnik (NJ UCEDD) Honored with Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award



Dr. Deborah Spitalnik

Deborah M. Spitalnik, PhD, was honored with the Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award, one of the Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Awards sponsored by MDA Advantage Insurance Company. [Read more...](#)

Boston LEND Program Receives Special Recognition from Governor Deval Patrick



Governor Deval Patrick awarded a special recognition to the Boston LEND program and distinguished faculty members: Dr. Allen Crocker, MD, Dr. Kerim Munir, MD, Dr. Ludwik Szymanski, MD, Dr. William Kiernan, PhD, and Dr. David Coulter, MD. [Read more...](#)

Beth Dixon (NH UCEDD) Receives UNH Staff Excellence Award



Events

AUCD 2011: The Journey Continues



2011 is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the last forty years, to face the challenges of today, and to imagine the future. Join your colleagues in this year's conference and to help shape the future of the disability field. Please check our [2011 conference website](#).

[Call for Proposals Open - Due June 10](#)

Proposals are welcome from the entire AUCD network and its partners, including individuals with disabilities and their family members, faculty, researchers, program directors and staff, students, policymakers, administrators, and advocates. Get your research or project in front of a 600+ person international audience! Access the [Call for Proposals](#) to read about this year's proposal emphases and submit your information online today. Proposals are being sought for concurrent, poster, and media sessions.

[Draft Agenda Now Available](#)

The 2011 Conference will include many new features, including some schedule adjustments suggested by attendees. Check online to [view the draft agenda](#).

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Beth Dixon University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability staff member, Beth Dixon, was honored with the Presidential Award of Excellence, an award given annually to five staff members who have demonstrated excellence through outstanding performance in their positions and a record of dedication to, and a concern for, the University community. [Read more...](#)

Dr. Rez Farid (MO LEND) Is Awarded the Most Outstanding Summer Research Fellowship Preceptor from the Medical Student Affairs Council



Dr. Rez Farid

Dr. Rez Farid was awarded the Most Outstanding Summer Research Fellowship Preceptor from the Medical Student Affairs Council. This is a new award in the category of Excellence in Education chosen by the student body. He is the first to receive this award. [Read more...](#)

Network News - People on the Move

IOD (NH UCEDD) Bids Farewell to One of Its Co-Founders



Cheryl Jorgensen

The IOD said farewell to one of its most influential and dedicated staff members. After 24 years, Cheryl Jorgensen is moving on to pursue new endeavors as an inclusive education consultant and UNH affiliate faculty member. [Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

VT UCEDD Hosts Media Night: Videos Exploring the Lives of Vermonters with Disabilities



Media Night audience member with interpreter for person with deafblindness.

A group of community members, students and University of Vermont affiliates gathered at the Center on Disability and Community Inclusion, Thursday April 21, to view the newest series of videos produced by the Center. CDCI Executive Director, Susan Ryan, introduced the films and a short discussion. Special guests included the participants in the Life Histories videos. [Read more...](#)

Sherlock Center (RI UCEDD) Announces Recipients of Mini-Grant Awards



The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at Rhode Island College has awarded a total of \$10,000 in "Access for All Abilities" (AAA) mini-grants to five

Rhode Island organizations. Recipients of the grants are The Providence Children's Museum, Providence Inner City Arts, Rock Spot Climbing, The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre and Vartan Gregorian Elementary School PTO. [Read more...](#)

The Disability Experience Project at the AZ UCEDD

care, training, and self-advocacy settings in attendance, participating partners can showcase items to a large and diverse audience of decision makers.

CDC Disability and Health Partners Meeting: Building Healthy Communities for Everyone

June 14-16, 2011-Chicago, IL



This event brings key disability and health leaders together with potential general public health partners annually. State Disability and Health State Implementation Projects, Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grantees, Public Health Practice and Resource Centers, State Health Departments, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention Partners, and officials from CDC are invited to attend.

13th Annual Autism Summer Institute Everybody Reads, Everybody Writes, Everybody Has Something to Say

August 8-10, 2011
Nashua, NH

This integrated literacy and communication theme recognizes that far too many students and adults with autism have not been provided with high-quality literacy instruction or with a means to communicate if their spoken voice is not effective.

Sixth Annual APEX Summer Leadership Institute Teamwork, Leadership, & Data-Based Decision-Making: Implementing PBIS to Prepare Every Student for Adult Life

August 17-18, 2011 | Bartlett, NH



Ted Garland

The goal of the Disability Experience project is to engage the community (e.g., school groups, business and government organizations, non-profits) in conversation on how the general public can truly welcome and include people of all abilities into the life of the community. The project has also developed a web-based module that is currently available to university faculty for infusion into any course. [Read more...](#)

If you are concerned about the culture and climate in your middle and high schools and are interested in implementing a three-tiered model for school improvement and reform, this two-day Institute will offer your staff skill-building in behavior support, classroom management techniques, team building, and research-based practices designed to improve educational outcomes for all youth, including students with the most significant academic and emotional support needs.

AUCD Employment Opportunities

[2012 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...](#)

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National Women's Health Week 2011 at OH UCEDD



This May, for the third year in row, the University of Cincinnati (UC) University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) in the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health in celebrating National Women's Health Week 2011. National Women's Health Week encourages women to take charge of their own health and learn ways to improve their physical and mental health and lower their risks of certain health problems. [Read](#)

[more...](#)

ABA Tele-Medicine Project at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute (NE UCEDD)



Wayne Fisher, Ph.D., director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute (Nebraska UCEDD) has a plan to train 40 service providers to treat ASD using the web, which means anyone near a military base anywhere in the world is eligible. [Read more...](#)

Think College Newsletter May, 2011 Is Now Available

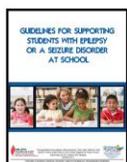
The latest issue of the Think College newsletter includes several interesting stories:

- [TPSID Spotlights in Minnesota and New York](#)
- [Think College Builds Capacity at PAC RIM Conference](#)
- [Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund](#)
- [Next Steps at Vanderbilt and Best Buddies Alternative Spring Break Trips](#)
- [Coming Events](#)

Mabel Rice (KS IDDRC) Sets Standards for Speech and Hearing Phenotypes for Public Health Studies

University of Kansas Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities investigator Mabel Rice, Fred and Virginia Merrill Distinguished Professor of Advanced Studies, contributed to establishing standards for speech and hearing phenotypes for epidemiological studies. She co-chaired the Speech and Hearing Working Group for PhenX, a three-year project funded by the National Human Genome Research begun in 2008. [Read more...](#)

CA UCEDD Develops Resource for Educators: Guidelines for Supporting Students with Epilepsy or a Seizure Disorder at School



"[Guidelines for Supporting Students with Epilepsy or a Seizure Disorder at School](#)" is a new supplemental guide for school administrators and educators on how to create an optimal environment for students with epilepsy/seizure disorders. [Read](#)

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