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AUCD Is Moving!



AUCD will be closed on Friday, September 30, as we move to a new office space. The AUCD website, including NIRS and conference registration, will be unavailable during this time, and staff will be unreachable by phone and email. We will resume regular business on Monday, October 3. Effective October 3, 2011, AUCD's new address is:
 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1000
 Silver Spring, MD 20910
 All phone numbers, URLs, and emails remain the same.

Welcome to AUCD's 2011 Virtual Trainee, Jody Pirtle, M.Ed. (AZ LEND & Sonoran UCEDD)



Jody Pirtle

AUCD is pleased to announce Jody Pirtle as the 2011-2012 Virtual Trainee. Jody is eager to foster communication and collaboration among trainees throughout the AUCD network by facilitating the Trainee Listserv, posting to the AUCD Trainees page on Facebook, as well as initiate face-to-face meetings at the AUCD Conference and Disability Policy Seminar. Jody has a number of exciting efforts already underway and AUCD is excited for this year's trainees to form a supportive and interactive network. [Read more...](#)

AUCD Partners with Exceptional Parent



This fall marks AUCD's 40th anniversary—a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the last four decades, face the challenges of today, and imagine the future. Throughout this milestone year, please look for future articles in Exceptional Parent that highlight and celebrate the great strengths and capacity of our AUCD Network and share strategies in research, education, and service that advance the journey towards equity and excellence. [Read more...](#)

AUCD Is Developing Disability Practice Toolkit

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Member Spotlight

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (TN) Building Renamed



One Magnolia Circle at Peabody College



The Disability Practice Toolkit is a one-stop, online resource that will increase the capacity of professionals who work with and for people who have a disability. The toolkit will make existing resources and information on disability accessibility and inclusion easily accessible to professionals in an online repository. [Read more and submit your resources.](#)

Fellowship Reflections From Ismaila Ramon, AUCD-NCBDDD Disability Surveillance and Epidemiologic Research Fellow



Ismaila Ramon

The AUCD-NCBDDD Surveillance and Epidemiology Fellowship offers fellows the opportunity to work at NCBDDD under the supervision of top experts in the field. [Read Ismaila Ramon's reflections](#) after two years at NCBDDD working with the Disability and Health Team in the Division of Human Development and Disability (DHHD).

Network News - Awards

The Institute for Community Inclusion's Ashley Wolfe Is Awarded "Research in Action" Award for Self-Advocate Researchers

The Arc of the United States has awarded the Institute for Community Inclusion's (ICI, MA UCEDD/LEND) Ashley Wolfe with the 2011 Research in Action award. Wolfe was presented with this for her significant contributions to Participatory Action Research efforts in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Her research and work has made her a respected member of the research field and this award is an acknowledgement by her colleagues and peers of her numerous contributions to I/DD research at ICI and Boston University. [Read more...](#)

Network News - People on the Move

Dr. Pasquale Accardo Takes Lead of VA-LEND



Dr. Pasquale Accardo

The Va-LEND program is pleased to announce that Dr. Pasquale Accardo will become its interim director as Dr. Joann Bodurtha moves from Virginia Commonwealth University to the Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Accardo is an internationally recognized developmental pediatrician who served as the Director of the Westchester

The Peabody College building that houses the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, the Department of Special Education and the Susan Gray School has received a long-anticipated new name. Known in recent years as the MRL building, the original Mental Retardation Laboratory located on Magnolia Circle and backing 21st Avenue is now officially named "One Magnolia Circle." [Read more...](#)

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](#).

Registration Open



Early Bird Offer: Register by October 6 and be entered to win a one of two free main

LEND from 1996-2002. [Read more...](#)

Vicki Pappas, PhD, Retires from IN UCEDD



Dr. Vicki Pappas
and Dr. David Mank

Tracy on the Deinstitutionalization project, which was an early effort to bring Muscatatuck residents back to their home communities with jobs, a home, and friends. [Read more...](#)

Dr. Vicki Pappas retired recently from Indiana University and the Indiana Institute under IU's Early Retirement Incentive Program. Dr. Pappas came to the Institute in 1974, when it was called the Developmental Training Center (DTC). She was a graduate student in the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program on Young Children (IDPYC) and held a graduate assistantship with Dr. Michael

Dr. James Kerwin, Sonoran UCEDD Faculty, Is Named Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions at University of Arizona College of Medicine



Dr. James
Kerwin

James Kerwin, MD, assistant professor in the UA Department of Family and Community Medicine and Sonoran UCEDD Faculty lead on health care for adults with DD, has been named interim associate dean for student affairs and admissions at the College of Medicine. [Read more...](#)

Dr. Dennis Stevens, South Dakota LEND Director, Is Named the Interim Chairman for the Department of Pediatrics at the Sanford School of Medicine



Dr. Dennis
Stevens

Dr. Dennis Stevens, South Dakota LEND Director, has been named the Interim Chairman for the Department of Pediatrics at the Sanford School of Medicine within the University of South Dakota. Dr. Stevens will continue his responsibilities as LEND Director while he is temporarily responsible for the administration of the Dept. of Pediatrics. [Read more...](#)

Network News - Activities & Resources

The Center on Disability Studies and AUCD Host "Standing Room Only" Side Event at the United Nations Conference of State Parties to the CRPD

With over 500 delegates from civil society and governments, the three day United Nations Fourth Session of the Conference of

conference registrations. Member Discount: the 6th and subsequent registrants from each Center automatically receive a 20% discount on their main registration fee. [Register today!](#)

Hotel Reservations Open

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is the official host hotel of the AUCD 2011 Conference. AUCD Conference Room Rate: \$209/night; Deadline for Conference Rate: Oct. 13. [Reserve your room today!](#)

Trainee Scholarships

AUCD is pleased to announce the availability of 16 trainee travel scholarships of up to \$500 each AND 4 trainee volunteer scholarships of up to \$500 each to support AUCD Trainees in attending the 2011 AUCD Conference. The AUCD Conference is an amazing learning and networking opportunity! [Read more and apply.](#)

Agenda Now Available

The 2011 Conference will include many new features, including some schedule adjustments suggested by attendees. Check online to [view the agenda](#). Also, click [here](#) to read more about the session offered and what topics will be covered this year.

Sponsorship Slots Available

Sponsorships, exhibits, and advertisers help keep the AUCD Conference costs low and bring in new products and partners for you to explore. With over 600 leaders from academic, health care, training, and self-advocacy settings in attendance, participating partners can showcase items to a large and diverse audience of decision

State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons (CRPD) held at the United Nations Secretariat from September 7th-9th, 2011, generated diplomatic discussions and debate evolving around the conference theme, "Enabling Development, Realizing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities." With a pre-conference [non-governmental organization (NGO) forum] over 35 side events and workshops, evening receptions and informal discussions, the hundreds of advocates and experts representing hundreds of millions of persons with disabilities worldwide no doubt felt optimistic, even if only cautiously. [Read more...](#)

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and Autism Speaks Launch Blood Draw Tool Kit, a Guide for Parents and Providers of Children with Autism



The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center has joined with Autism Speaks to create a resource for physicians and parents of children with autism to better prepare for blood draws and other routine medical procedures. This new toolkit, called "Taking the Work Out of Blood Work:

Helping Your Child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder - A Parent's Guide", and the companion: "Taking the Work Out of Blood Work: Helping Your Patient with an Autism Spectrum Disorder - A Provider's Guide", was created to help families and health care providers make necessary medical procedures less stressful. [Read more...](#)

Laura Stough, PhD & TX UCEDD Launch Mobile TIPS for First Responders

Dr. Laura Stough and the Project REDD team, part of the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M, recently launched Mobile TIPS, a mobile-based website for first responders that provides essential, detailed instructions and resources to help people with disabilities or special needs. [Read more...](#)

The Bronx Community Self Advocacy Group Is Selected as the New York State Self Advocacy Group of the Year

On Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the 2011 state-wide meeting of the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State (SANYS), it was announced that the Bronx Community Self Advocacy Group was selected as the New York State Self Advocacy Group of the Year! The group, which is supported and sponsored by the Rose F. Kennedy UCEDD Center and is advised by the UCEDD's Director of Community Affairs, Joanne Florio Siegel, is the oldest group of its kind in New York State. [Read more...](#)

makers.

Maternal and Child Health: A Context for Leadership

October 7, 3:00-4:00pm EST
Webinar

During this webinar, you will learn about what it means to be an MCH-trained professional and how MCH Trainees are part of the Training Branch within the Division of Research, Training, and Education (DRTE) and higher Government agencies (ex: Health Resources and Services Administration; Department of Health and Human Services). This webinar explains MCH leadership training as a context for and catalyst to assure national MCH impact.

Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) 2011

November 17 - 18, 2011
Gaylord National Harbor Hotel:
Washington, DC area



The Summit 2011 "Real Jobs--- It's Everyone's Business" aims to increase the number of people with intellectual disabilities in the workforce. By providing innovative approaches to created integrated employment, this interactive conference will encourage attendees to seek a successful career of their choosing.

28th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity

FY2012 Think College Strategic Planning Mini-Grant Competition



Think College, at the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston, with funding from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, conducts a comprehensive national training initiative designed to increase the participation of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in postsecondary education. [Read more and apply by October 26, 2011.](#)

Think College Emerging Scholars Program

The purpose of the Think College Emerging Scholars program is to build a network between this next generation of research professionals by providing support for collaboration, information sharing, and dissemination of new work. [Read more and apply by October 14, 2011.](#)

Professional Development Modules Are Developed by HI UCEDD/LEND

The University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Disability Studies, has a project called "Students with Disabilities as Diverse Learners," funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education. As part of this project they have developed Professional Development modules about Universal Design for Learning (UDL); Multiculturalism (Cultural Diversity); and Mentoring, all related to postsecondary education. [Read more...](#)

AMCHP Announces Act Early State Systems Grants RFA

All states and territories that have an active state team focused on early identification and that are not currently funded by a HRSA State Autism Implementation Grant, are not currently participating in the HRSA/CDC LTSAE campaign implementation grants, and do not currently have an Act Early State Systems Grant (funded in January 2011) are eligible to apply. [Read more and apply by November 2, 2011.](#)

Kendra Gottsleben, SD UCEDD, is Featured as One of the Inspirational Speakers at the Sioux Falls TEDx Event



Kendra Gottsleben

Kendra Gottsleben, Social Media Coordinator for the SD UCEDD, Center for Disabilities at the Sanford School of Medicine within the University of South Dakota was recently featured as one of the inspirational speakers at the Sioux Falls TEDx event. TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas worth spreading." The program is designed to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences at the local level and is marketed as "riveting talks

"Living to Our Complete Potential"

The 28th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (Pac Rim) will bring together a diverse international gathering of academics, community leaders, self-advocates, specialists and officials to Honolulu, Hawaii on March 26-27, 2012. The conference aims to inspire, educate and illuminate - with over 18 topic areas, 200 presentations and several institutes, the program is fertile ground for dialogue and exchange while 'pushing the envelope' to ensure all human beings can live to their complete potential. This event is hosted by the Center on Disability Studies (CDS), at the University of Hawaii. [Read more and register.](#)

The Pacific Rim International Forum on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

March 24-25, 2012

Hilton Hawaiian Village,
Honolulu, HI

The Pacific Rim International Forum, a Pacific Rim International Conference pre-event, highlights the potential to transform lives and communities through the theoretical and practical application of human rights norms and standards.

Employment Opportunities

Please check the [Employment](#) page on our website for opportunities within the AUCD network.

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Melanie Fried-Oken, PhD, OR UCEDD, Researches Brain Computer Interface (BCI)

Dr. Melanie Fried-Oken and a clinical translational research team have been working to help develop an efficient and effective brain computer interface (BCI) system for persons with locked-in syndrome that serves as a communication system. [Read more...](#)

WIHD Conference on Assessment Strategies for Young Children with ASD and other Developmental Disabilities

The Westchester Institute for Human Development put on a unique conference on evaluation and assessment of children in the early intervention and preschool special education system in Westchester County, New York. Besides updating providers and school personnel on current approaches for detecting and diagnosing ASD in children birth to 5 years, a focus of the conference was promoting better assessment strategies for preschoolers with disabilities. [Read more...](#)

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