Technical Assistance to University Centers of Excellence In Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)

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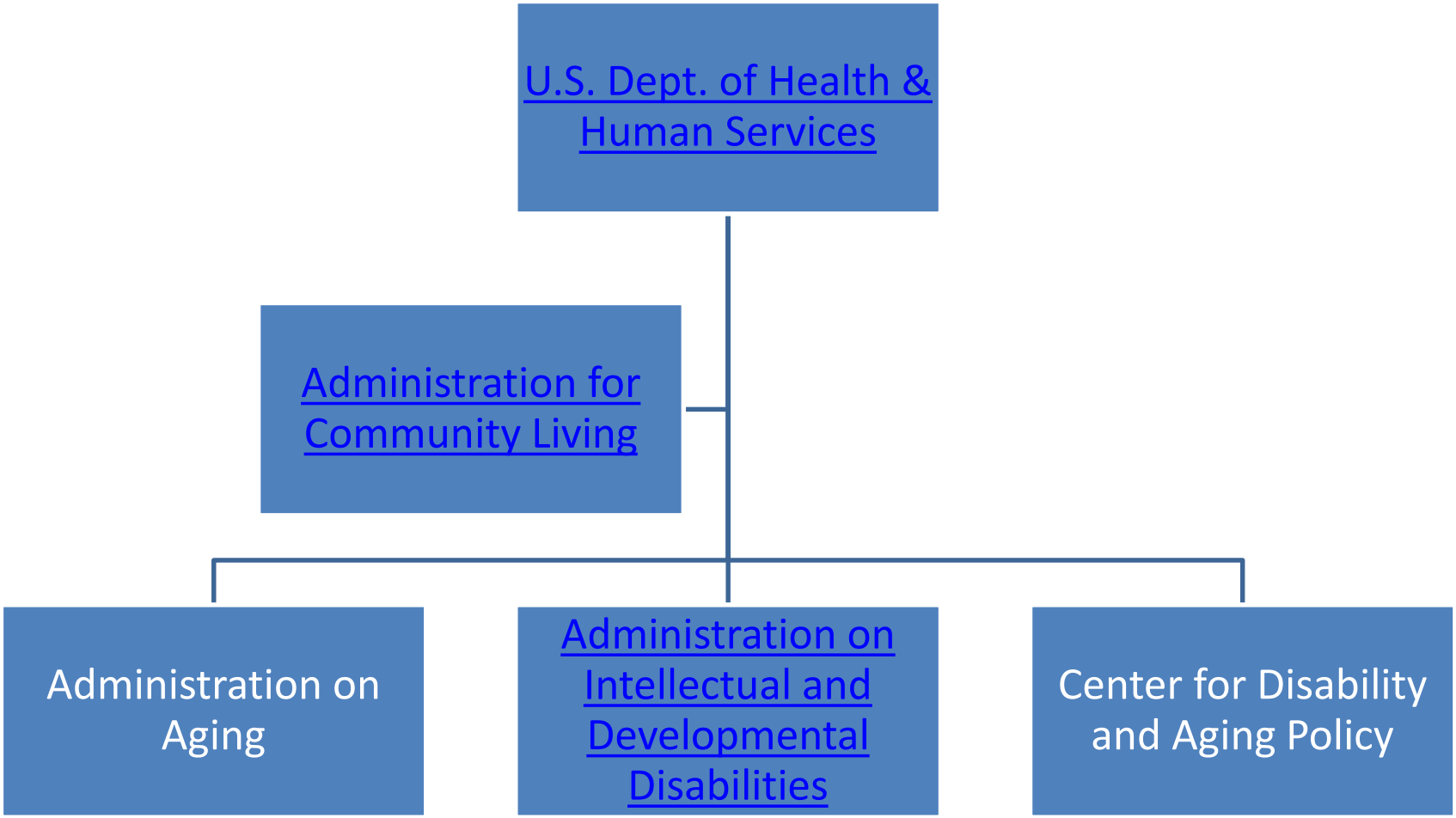
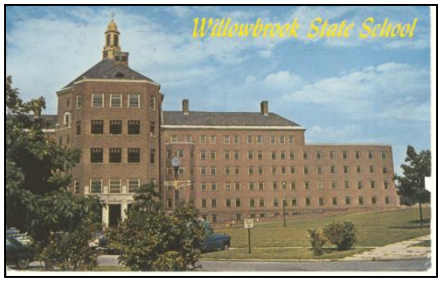
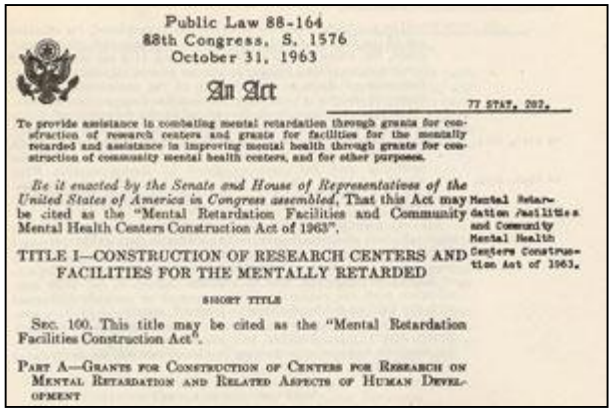


History and Context

- History of institutionalization for people with developmental disabilities (DD)
- Families wanted more!
- President Kennedy signed law creating University Affiliated Facilities in 1963
- Several iterations, now the DD Act of 2000





Public Law 88-164
88th Congress, S. 1576
October 31, 1963

An Act

77 STAT. 282.

To provide assistance in combating mental retardation through grants for construction of research centers and grants for facilities for the mentally retarded and assistance in improving mental health through grants for construction of community mental health centers, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963".

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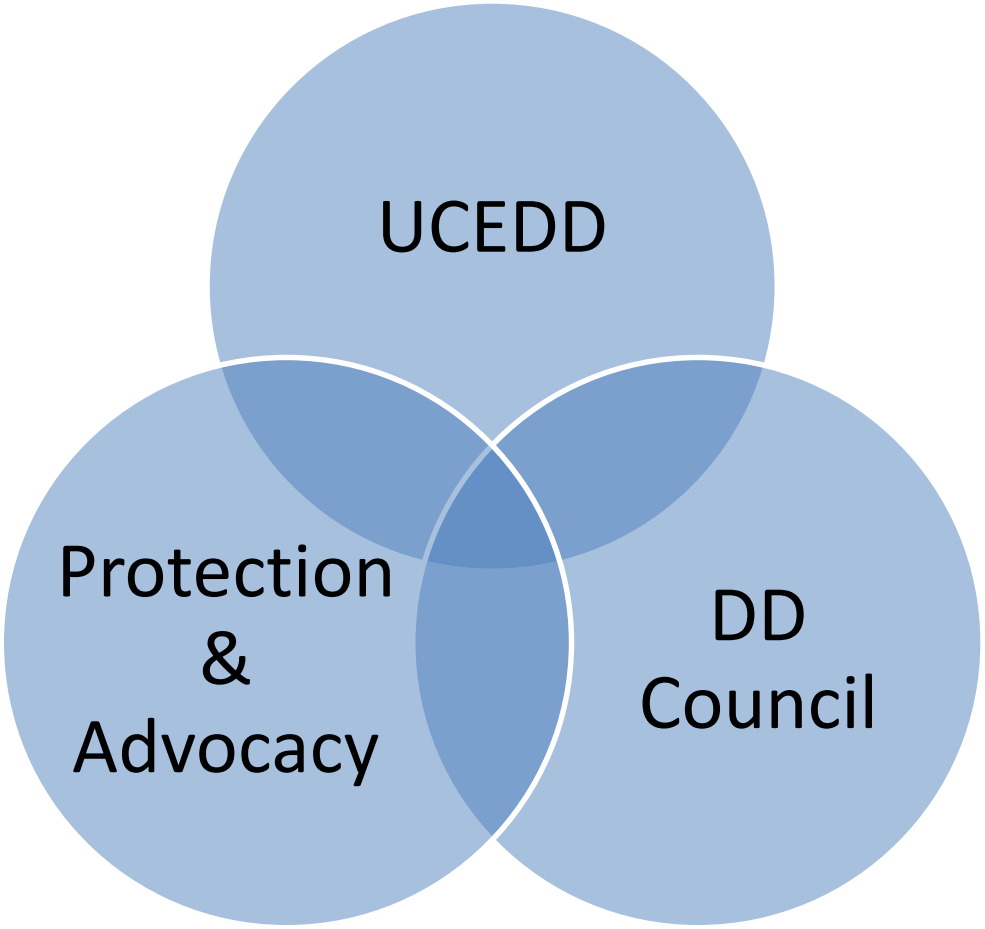
TITLE I—CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH CENTERS AND FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 100. This title may be cited as the "Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act".

PART A—GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CENTERS FOR RESEARCH ON MENTAL RETARDATION AND RELATED ASPECTS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DD Network Partners



What is a UCEDD?

- Interdisciplinary University-based Center
- Liaison with University Schools and Departments to infuse disability studies and perspectives into multiple disciplines

- Bridge between University and community with evidence-based practice
- Advance knowledge in the field and inform local, state, national policy

Core Functions

1. Interdisciplinary Pre-Service Preparation and Continuing Education
2. Community Services
   - Training
   - Technical assistance
   - Model & demonstration services
3. Research, Evaluation, Policy Analysis
4. Information Dissemination

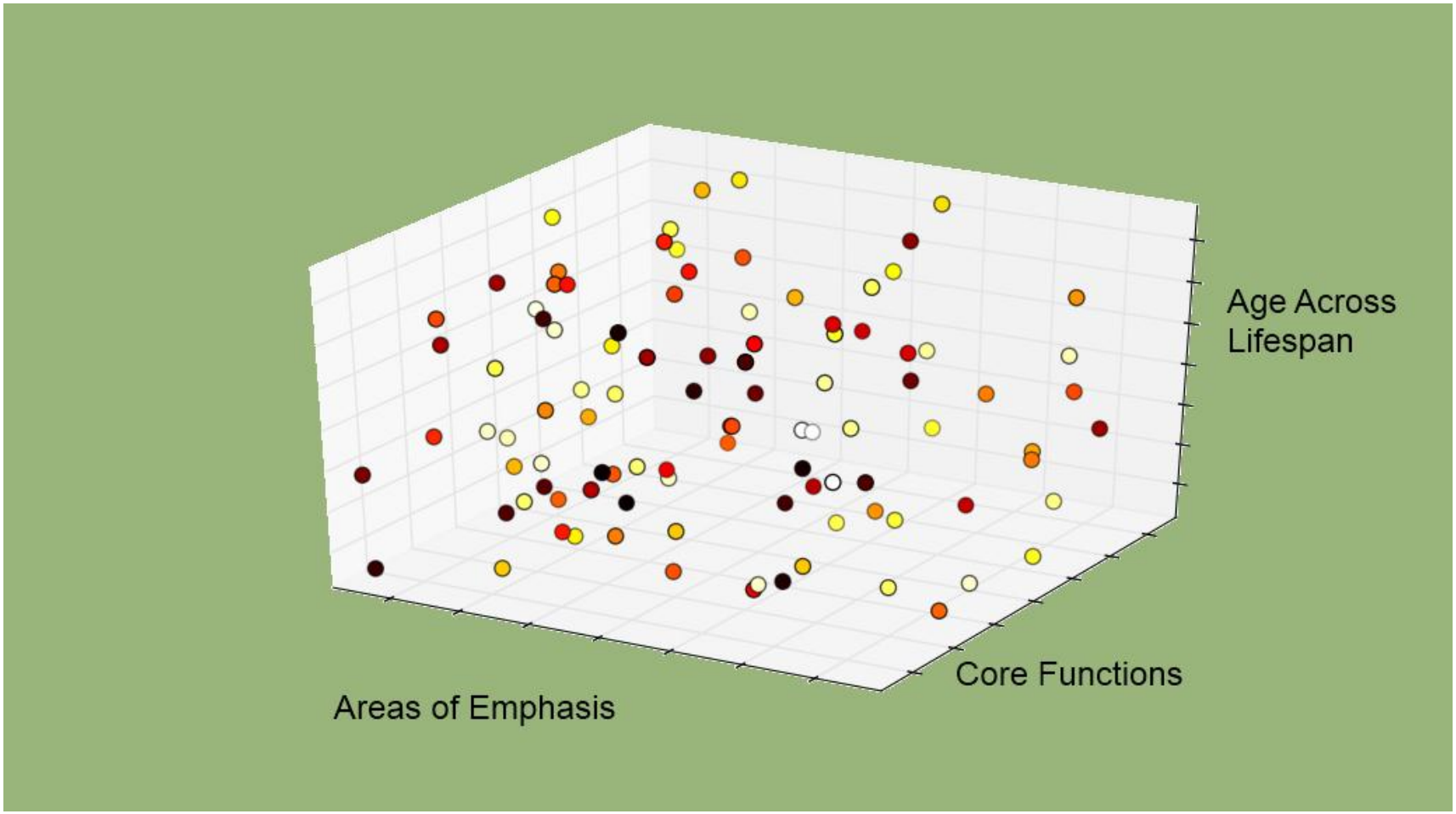
Areas of Emphasis

- Child Care
- Education and early intervention
- Employment
- Health
- Housing
- Quality Assurance
- Recreation
- Transportation

Others not in DD Act:

- Assistive Technology
- Cultural Diversity
- Family Supports
- Leadership
- Quality of Life
- Self-Advocacy

Range of Activities Across Lifespan



AUCD/URC Technical Assistance

- Purpose is to improve UCEDD:
  - Program performance
  - Statutory compliance
  - Program outcomes

AUCD/URC Projects

- UCEDD Resource Center
- National Information Reporting System
- Allies in Self-Advocacy
  - Summits, Report, Listserv, Mini-grants
- PCPID Report to President
  - Full and accessible summary reports
- Health Reform Hub
- Leadership development
- Response to emerging issues