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FOR RELEASE:

**The USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles Receives Three-Year Minority Partnership
Grant**

Funds will create a partnership between the UCEDD and California State University, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES – The USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles received a three-year grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to fund a UCEDD/Minority Institution of Higher Education partnership with California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA).

“The goal is to increase the capacity of the UCEDD to serve individuals with disabilities from racially and ethnically diverse populations by creating an infrastructure for sharing faculty and students between the two institutions, and to build collaborative projects focused on addressing racial, cultural and linguistic disparities,” said Barbara Wheeler, PhD, PI for the grant and Associate Director of the UCEDD and Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

CSULA has one of the most diverse student populations in the nation, including 51 percent Latino, 23 percent Asian, ~10 percent African American, and 1/2 percent American Indian. Approximately 68 percent of the students are in the first generation in their families to attend college. The UCEDD will be working with CSULA’s College of Health and Human Services, Charter College of Education and the Minority Opportunities in Research Education Program for this special initiative.

The UCEDD’s resources will provide CSULA students with interdisciplinary training and practical experience with individuals who have a wide range of disabilities, exposure to career opportunities in the disability field, and leadership training. The UCEDD at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, one of 67 UCEDDs throughout the nation and territories authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, and administered by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), is one of two similar partnership grants funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. The other involves the UCEDD in Georgia and their partnership with the Morehouse School of Medicine.

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Founded in 1901, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles has been treating the most seriously ill and injured children in Los Angeles for more than a century, and it is acknowledged throughout the United States and around the world for its leadership in pediatric and adolescent health. Childrens Hospital is one of America's premier teaching hospitals, affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California since 1932. The Saban Research Institute of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is among the largest and most productive pediatric research facilities in the United States.

Since 1990, *U.S. News & World Report* and its panel of board-certified pediatricians have named Childrens Hospital Los Angeles one of the top pediatric facilities in the nation. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is one of only 10 children's hospitals in the nation – and the only children's hospital on the West Coast – ranked in all 10 pediatric specialties in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and named to the magazine's "Honor Roll" of children's hospitals.

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