Purpose

The prescribed core functions of UCEDDs and important tasks of LENDs include to offer community services and disseminate information regarding training, community/continuing education, and technical assistance for or with individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members, as well as professionals, paraprofessionals, students, and volunteers. CEDC also serves as a focus and forum for the identification, discussion, and resolution of problems and issues regarding outreach training; function as a representative voice of the outreach training interests and concerns within the AUCD network; and influences the development and implementation of national outreach training policies and initiatives.

How CEDC Relates to AUCD Work

- The CEDC works to enhance the Association by:
- Serving as a focus and forum for the identification and discussion of issues of training, community/continuing education and technical assistance
- Functioning as a representative voice of training and community/continuing education interests and concerns within the AUCD network
- Influencing the development and implementation of national training and community/continuing education policies and initiatives
- Sharing resources and exemplary training and community/continuing education programs developed and used by UCEDDs and LENDS across the nation
- Providing pre-service and professional training on various topics throughout and outside of the association.

Membership and Leadership Roles

The CEDC is an AUCD members-only council. To join this council, individuals must be a part of an AUCD Network Center or Program as a faculty, staff, trainee or community advisory council member. Only one member, designated by the director, can vote in Council matters.

Membership Expectations. The full Council meets face-to-face once a year in conjunction with the AUCD Conference and at least three additional times during the year through conference calls.

Council Leadership. The leadership of the council consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Emerging Leader representative. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are elected to 3-year terms. The Emerging Leader is selected by the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary on an annual basis.

Communication

The CEDC communicates using the AUCD listserv, email list, and Facebook group.