

# AUCD Centers Serving Mississippi



**University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)** work with people with disabilities, members of their families, state and local government agencies, and community providers in projects that provide training, technical assistance, service, research, and information sharing, with a focus on building the capacity of communities to sustain all their citizens.

**Institute for Disability Studies**

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**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LENDs)** interdisciplinary training, services, and care for people with disabilities across the lifespan. Arkansas LEND has a formal training partnership with the University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Disability Studies.

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## Disability in Mississippi by the Numbers

**69,433**

Students age 3-21 receive special education supports<sup>1</sup>

**27.7%**

of people with disabilities are employed<sup>2</sup>

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**3**

14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages<sup>3</sup>

**\$ 1,075,738,957**

Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care<sup>4</sup>

vs

**\$ 520,083,298**

Medicaid expenditures for HCBS<sup>4</sup>

**489,036**

Individuals with disabilities living in communities<sup>5</sup>

## AUCD and Your Office

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) supports a national network of university-based interdisciplinary programs in every U.S. state and territory. We are a trusted resource on disability policy issues and stand ready to connect you to resources, research and expertise in both policy and constituent service.

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