54 Learn the Signs. Act Early. Ambassadors Complete Annual Training at NCBDDD/CDC

42 new Learn the Signs. Act Early. Ambassadors joined forces with a veteran cohort of 12 Ambassadors representing 48 states, 3 territories and the District of Columbia on the campus of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Annual Act Early Ambassador Training April 30-May 1, 2019 hosted by the Learn the Signs. Act Early. (LTSAE) Team at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)/CDC along with project partners from the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). Act Early Ambassadors work with the CDC LTSAE program by promoting the adoption and integration of LTSAE resources, including materials to support developmental monitoring and professional education tools into systems that serve young children and their families or train those who serve young children and their families. They serve as liaisons to the LTSAE Program and work as community champions with programs that serve young children and their parents, such as Head Start, Early Head Start, WIC, home visiting, and others. They also work with health care, early education, and child care professionals to improve early identification of developmental delays and collaborate with state agencies and campaign partners to improve policy and programs for early identification.

Ambassadors were greeted onsite by Dr. Patty Dietz, Chief of the NCBDDD’s Developmental Disabilities Branch, Dr. Peggy Honein, Director of NCBDDD’s Division of Congenital and Developmental Disorders, and Dr. Coleen Boyle, Director of NCBDDD.

The Act Early Ambassador project is a collaborative effort on behalf of the NCBDDD/CDC, the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau, AUCD, and AMCHP. For more information on the Act Early Ambassadors, please click here.