

UCEDD Resource Center

A project of AUCD, in partnership with AIDD, to strengthen and support the network of UCEDDs

UCEDD Leadership: Pay it Forward

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Building Network Capacity to Impact Policy

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How is this accomplished (strategies, funding, practical implementation)?

- Staff need to give “heads-up” to researchers—UCEDDs need time to build literature reviews, etc.
- AUCD could support this
 - monitoring legislation
 - legislative agenda
- Assign UCEDD “point-person” (advocacy and dissemination coordinator)
- Training for all staff on lobbying vs. educating
- Work with other entities in DD Network and University
- CAC input, personal statements
- Report legislative issues for each department
- UCEDD employee on university legislative committee
- CCD-like network to disseminate; participate in advocacy without name to get around university “blessing”
- Leadership in policy modeled by director
- Yearly conference with policy makers, especially in election years - legislative breakfast
- Help legislators re-frame questions into the right questions
- Direct access to University Lobbyist
- Work at city council and state level
- Connect university lobbyist to Kim
- Regulatory Work

How to involve trainees?

- Disability Policy Seminar, training from DD Council
- Encourage projects on current topics
- Meet with state legislature as part of training
- Family faculty trainees were a theme
- Required seminar on disability policy, history

How to involve emerging leaders in your center?

- Internal capacity:
 - funded by core grant to sit on task forces

What network collaborations might come of this?

- Strategy - researchers work together to make recommendations
 - network collaborations
 - professional associations
- work with researchers to prep research findings before an issue arises
- UCEDDs could translate IDDRC/other research
- participate on DD Council policy committee
- common DD network goals

What follow-up is necessary?

- AUCD Policy repository
 - place to go for info to use at state level
 - build up AUCD state level capacity - to support UCEDDs
 - improve navigability of auctd.org to find policy resources (search)
 - connect states with national resources not from AUCD
- Resources on what other states have done
 - starter/ideas for new directors
- Repository of briefs from across the network
- Better communication below director level

Other Ideas

- IDDRCs are being encouraged to translate research, but the university environment doesn't reward this
- Concern about working on issues that won't move
- Policy training can fulfill community services core function
- Problem - Centers lack policy analysis capacity
- Challenge - ideology over evidence
- Switch Disability Policy Seminar and Annual Meeting times to better match trainee year