

Excerpts: UCEDDs' Role in Educating Policymakers

DD Act Subtitle D Sec. 153(a)(1)

In General. --In order to provide leadership in, advise Federal, State, and community policymakers about, and promote opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive, and be integrated and included in all facets of community life, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities designated as Centers in each State to pay for the Federal share of the cost of the administration and operation of the Centers...

45 CFR §1388.5(c)(8)

Educate, and disseminate information related to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 to the legislature of the State in which the Center is located, and to Members of Congress from such State.

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The UCEDD should educate and disseminate information related to the purpose of the DD Act of 2000 to the legislature of the State in which the Center is located and to members of Congress from the State. UCEDDs should strive to translate research into practice in the dissemination of information. Information should be developed and disseminated using principles of universal design to ensure that resources are available in multiple accessible formats and in a culturally competent manner. UCEDDs should include people with developmental disabilities and families, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, in the development of products and resources that are disseminated.