

Enhancing the interdisciplinary nature of UCEDD across university/ Developing quality interdisciplinary pre-service prep programs without a LEND or other training grant

Attendees: Elise from TN, Don Kincaid from USF, Karen Ward, and Jesse Suter, Oliva Raynor

Benefits of being a trainee: funding for grants and research, enrolling in programs, professional development. 49 long term active trainees at USF.

Majority of trainees are females and some diversity. Most trainees either have a disability or have a family member with a disability.

USF- has a behavior support graduate certificate. 12 credit hours and fully online.

ICEI- one of six in FL. A specialized multi-disciplinary clinic. Funded by the Florida legislature.

Issues they run into with Interdisciplinary training- they have to use current grant funding to fund students. Effort and priority to training. Match students and disciplines. Marketing to a diverse cadre of students. How to fund interdisciplinary work with 120 staff and faculty and 2 tenured faculty.

Karen- is the UCEDD experience different from the LEND experience.

Elise- they had a lend before a UCEDD. The lend is with the department of pediatrics. LEND and UCEDD trainees share the same training director for the programs. They use some of their UCEDD funding to help support the LEND. What is the clinic and what is the funding from the USF

Don- it is funded by the Florida legislature. The clinic was failing when the first received it. They have a behavioral focus. Positive behavioral support. Completely free clinic no Medicaid funding. Funding is 450k per year for funding. The clinic does a lot of work and they have a community focus. They work closely with schools and families. They might be able to increase the training for all their trainees if they UCEDD could pick up hours (stipends) for each student like 4 hours to get the core competency.

Elise says they do a mix of funding. They don't pay tuition but they help with stipends.

Olivia- Very strict rules with how many hours they can pay students-UCLA.

Don- don't have an undergrad program in their college.

Karen- more about students and rules on tuition???

- More than 20% of their time and they have to cover their tuition
- There is a workaround if needed
- They use grants to help pay for it

Core grant when you support students what do you call it? They call it trainee support

Olivia to Elise

Other barriers that you run into with your interdisciplinary programs

Olivia- fiscal issue. They take people who are part of other training programs

They also export their training. They don't really have the funds.

Don- the issues with the comparable strengths of programs. Some students from certain programs are really strong others from a different program are not so strong. Is there something within those programs that are not preparing their students? They struggle with this a lot.

Olivia to Don- Do they have an admission process. No it is just an interview.

Don- graduate students and post doc s they will hire because they can be temporary especially if the position is temp they don't want to pull someone from a job when their new job might not be there in a year.

Don- sometimes they will use their core funding to build a bridge to the next grant in case there is a lapse between grants.

Karen- the state would hardly contract with the UCEDD at all because they were both state agencies.

Don- they have to raise money to supplement up to 10% of the budget

Olivia- they do write in student assistants. They try to leave some space for that to support trainees. They are soft money funded.

Don- they are told to provide stipend and tuition for students for a multiple year but he can't make a guarantee because they are funded year by year.

Jesse- they used to do more with pre- service prep and they are not successful in sustaining them. Once the tuition dollars went away they could not sustain the pre- service prep. The statewide PBIS it is hard to attract students to take a class on PBIS. They need to hire a pre service coordinator but they don't have the funding for it.

Don- does anyone have a full time pre service coordinator for their UCEDD?

No-they don't have the capacity

Elise- had USF gotten the LEND grant what would had their plans been?

Don- more students but their focus would have to change based on what the government wanted.