



University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

UCEDD Resource Center (URC) Resource Map

Are you connected to a UCEDD? The UCEDD Resource Map is a menu of helpful tools. It has many links and activities for you to use. The Map helps you understand how UCEDDs work and how they can do their work better. The tools are grouped into different areas:

- Tools about what the government wants UCEDDs to do.
- Tools to help UCEDDs manage their money.
- Tools to help UCEDDs work with universities.
- Tools to help with research on disability issues.
- Tools that help teach people about inclusion.
- Tools for sending out important information about disability.

More of the ways UCEDDs work to make your life better are listed below.

Topic 1: Working with Government



- UCEDDs help you understand laws that affect people with disabilities.
- The URC helps UCEDDs by training new staff members.
- The URC sends information to UCEDDs about laws and government rules.
- The URC helps UCEDD staff members understand how to work with the government.

Topic 2: Training (Core Function 1)



- University Centers train people to be future leaders.
- The URC offers training tools, tips, and support.



• Trainees are from many different fields and parts of the country.



• Trainees are connected to other trainees and experts in other fields through newsletters and listservs.

Topic 3: Community Service (Core Function 2)



- The URC offers Tip Sheets on different topics to help UCEDDs better serve their communities.
- The URC helps UCEDDs network within their community.
- There are links to tools that help UCEDDs be better community partners.

Topic 4: Research and Evaluation (Core Function 3)



- UCEDDs can watch webinars and be trained on research related topics.
- UCEDD staff can be part of different research activities.

Topic 5: Sending Out Information (Core Function 4)



• The URC helps UCEDDs to be leaders in sending out important information.



• There are tools for making information more accessible and easier to understand.

Topic 6: Taking Part in the Public Policy Process



• The URC offers many tools to UCEDDs on how to engage in public policy.



• Tools help UCEDDs connect with local, state, and federal policy work. Tools also offer training to understand the policy process.



• There are many policy committees that UCEDD staff can be part of.

Topic 7: UCEDD Grants



- UCEDDs are funded by money from grants.
- The URC offers UCEDDs tools and tips for writing and managing grants.

Topic 8: UCEDD Reporting



- UCEDDs have to complete reports on the work that they do each year.
- The URC offers guidance and examples of reports to help UCEDDs report their data correctly.

Topic 9: Consumer Advisory Committees (CAC)



- Each UCEDD has a group that helps guide the center.
- The group is made up of community members with and without disabilities and others with lived experiences.



• The URC offers tools that help UCEDDs include CAC members in their research and grant writing activities.

Topic 10: UCEDD Operations and Finances



- The URC Resource Map has links to webinars and tools to help UCEDDs get better at writing grants.
- There are tips for UCEDDs on how to use Core grant money to get more grants from other funding sources.



• There are tools to help UCEDDs build relationships with staff from universities and state agencies.

Topic 11: University Relations



- Most UCEDDs are part of a university in their state or territory.
- The URC offers tools to help UCEDDs become important parts of their host universities.

Topic 12: Stakeholder Collaboration



• UCEDDs are part of developmental disability networks in each state.



• The URC supports UCEDDs to be good partners with other state disability advocates and agencies.

Topic 13: Professional Development



• The URC Resource Map offers links and tips for advancing your job skills.



 Going to the AUCD yearly meeting and leadership opportunities can help UCEDD staff become better at their jobs.



• There are many links listed on the map for training and connecting to other AUCD emerging leaders.

Topic 14: Diversity, Inclusion, and Cultural and Linguistic Competence



- The URC Resource Map offers many tools to help UCEDDs learn about equity.
- The tools also help UCEDDs include all people in meaningful ways.



• There are tools and tips for learning how to partner with different cultures in your community.



• The URC Map also has tools for UCEDDs to support diversity in their state networks.

Learn more about the UCEDD Resource Center on their website: https://www.aucd.org/urc/



