



AUCD
2026
Annual Conference

Impact through
Innovation and
Partnership

AUCD CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to partner with us in 2026 so together, we can make an impact in the lives of people with disabilities.



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About AUCD

AUCD is a national association that supports Network members in their research, training, education, and service so that together, AUCD and Network members can promote the quality of life, health, and well-being of people with disabilities.

Network members consist of:

- **68** University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)
- **60** Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LENDs) Programs
- **15** Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disability Research Centers (IDDRCs)
- **13** Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Programs (DBPs) (non-members who receive TA)

These Centers and Programs serve and are located in every U.S. state and territory and are all part of universities or medical centers. They serve as a bridge between the university and the community, bringing together the resources of both to achieve meaningful change.



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The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is a national network that supports university based programs in research, training, education, and service. Together with its Network members, AUCD works to enhance the quality of life, health, and opportunities for people with disabilities and their families.

The AUCD 2026 Conference is a premier national event dedicated to advancing the well being, inclusion, and empowerment of people with disabilities. This year’s theme—“Impact Through Innovation and Partnership”—highlights the power of new ideas and collaborative efforts to create meaningful change in communities across the country.

This year’s AUCD Conference is all about sharing new ideas, learning from one another, and working together to make a REAL difference in our communities. The focus is on innovation and building strong partnerships to improve services, research, and support for people with disabilities, their families, and the community.



Why Attend?

Attending the AUCD 2026 Conference offers unparalleled opportunities to:

- Engage with disability leaders – Connect with members of Congress, high level Administration officials, and key Hill staff.
- Access AUCD’s \$700 million national network – Meet directors, researchers, practitioners, and advanced level Fellows representing programs from every state and territory.
- Join a national conversation – Participate in discussions on support, inclusion, and well being for people with disabilities while showcasing your organization’s commitment.
- Amplify your impact – Highlight your organization’s work throughout the event and build meaningful collaborations.

Who Attends?

The AUCD Conference draws more than 1,000 participants, including:

- Community leaders
- Researchers and academics
- Policymakers and federal advocates
- Practitioners, professionals, and students
- Attendees represent a broad spectrum of expertise and experience, ensuring rich networking and collaboration opportunities.

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Conference Highlights

- Innovation focused sessions – Discover and contribute to cutting edge strategies in disability policy, research, and advocacy.
- Strategic location in Washington, D.C. – Connect with thought leaders from Capitol Hill, federal agencies, and national disability organizations.
- Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities – Engage directly with attendees, amplify your organization’s visibility, and forge lasting partnerships.

AUCD invites you to be a part of this transformative event this November. Join us to drive innovation, foster partnerships, and make a tangible difference in the lives of people with disabilities.



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AUCD 2026 Sponsor / Exhibitor Opportunities Overview

BENEFITS	PRESENTING \$40,000	ANCHOR \$25,000	CORNERSTONE \$15,000	CONNECTOR \$10,000	COLLABORATOR \$7,500	NETWORK PARTNER \$5,000	FRIEND \$2,000
	Conference Tracks	Plenaries	Exhibit Hall	Awards Ceremony	Refreshment Breaks	Closing Plenary	General Support
Branding	Website, app, & signage	Website & app	Website & app	Website & app	Branding	Branding	Website & app
Attendee mailing list	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conference registrations	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
Recognition	Rotating banner ad	During event	During event	During event	✓	✓	
Acknowledgment on promotional materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Exhibit table	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Private reception	Private leadership reception	✓	✓	✓			
Mobile app push notifications	✓						
Sponsored e-blast	✓						
Featured website video	✓						

BENEFITS

\$2,000 – Exhibitor	Scholarships
Exhibitor identification sign	✓
1 full conference registration (Includes sessions, receptions, meals, and breaks)	✓
Exhibitor listing on Conference Website & Mobile App	✓
Participation in Attendee Scavenger Hunt	✓
Pre-conference welcome webinar with Executive Director & Board leadership	✓
Post-conference follow-up webinar	✓
Post-conference attendee list (mailing addresses only)	✓

AUCD 2026 Sponsor/Exhibitor Opportunities Breakdown

2026 Sponsor Options

\$40,000 — Presenting

Opportunities: Conference Tracks

Benefits:

- Full-scale branding (website, app, signage)
- Featured website video
- Rotating banner ad
- Mobile app push notifications
- Sponsored e-blast
- Private leadership reception
- 8 conference registrations
- Exhibit table
- Attendee mailing list

\$25,000 — Anchor

Opportunities: Plenaries

Benefits:

- Branding (website & app)
- Recognition during event
- Private reception
- 6 conference registrations
- Exhibit table
- Acknowledgment on promotional materials
- Attendee mailing list

\$15,000 — Cornerstone

Opportunities: Exhibit Hall

Benefits:

- Branding (website & app)
- Recognition during event
- Private reception
- 5 conference registrations
- Exhibit table
- Promotional acknowledgment
- Attendee mailing list

\$10,000 — Connector

Opportunities: Awards Ceremony

Benefits:

- Recognition during event
- Private reception
- 4 conference registrations
- Exhibit table
- Promotional acknowledgment
- Attendee mailing list

\$7,500 — Collaborator

Opportunities: Refreshment Breaks

Benefits:

- Branding
- Recognition
- 3 conference registrations
- Exhibit table
- Promotional acknowledgment
- Attendee mailing list

\$5,000 — Network Partner

Opportunities: Closing Plenary

Benefits:

- Branding
- Recognition
- 2 conference registrations
- Promotional acknowledgment
- Attendee mailing list

\$2,000 — Friend

Opportunities: General Support

Benefits:

- Attendee mailing list access
- 1 conference registrations
- Branding on website & app

2026 Exhibitor Options

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Opportunities: Scholarships

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Exhibitor Opportunities

Prominently display your materials and products and enjoy valuable one-on-one time with Conference attendees on Monday and Tuesday of the Conference. All exhibitors will be located in the Rock Creek Ballroom, a prominent area that allows for maximum exposure and return on your investment. Come share your innovation and promising practices with more than 1,000 disability leaders, practitioners, and self-advocates.

This year, we ask that exhibitors create an interactive experience for attendees. A game? A spinning wheel? Fun giveaways? AUCD is here to help brainstorm! Before and during the Conference, we will encourage attendees to participate, learn, and connect with each exhibitor. Attendees will be invited to participate in an Exhibitor Passport where they'll visit exhibitors, ask them engaging questions, and have a chance to win a fun prize at the end of the Conference. We aim to create meaningful connections between exhibitors and attendees and hope you will join us. Spaces are limited so submit your exhibitor application today!

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