

## Purpose

The prescribed core functions of UCEDDs and important tasks of LENDs include to offer community services and disseminate information regarding training, community/ continuing education, and technical assistance for or with individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members, as well as professionals, paraprofessionals, students, and volunteers. CEDC also serves as a focus and forum for the identification, discussion, and resolution of problems and issues regarding outreach training; function as a representative voice of the outreach training interests and concerns within the AUCD network; and influences the development and implementation of national outreach training policies and initiatives.

## How CEDC Relates to AUCD Work

- The CEDC works to enhance the Association by:
- Serving as a focus and forum for the identification and discussion of issues of training, community/continuing education and technical assistance
- Functioning as a representative voice of training and community/continuing education interests and concerns within the AUCD network
- Influencing the development and implementation of national training and community/continuing education policies and initiatives
- Sharing resources and exemplary training and community/continuing education programs developed and used by UCEDDs and LENDs across the nation
- Providing pre-service and professional training on various topics throughout and outside of the association.

## Membership and Leadership Roles

The CEDC is an AUCD members-only council. To join this council, individuals must be a part of an AUCD Network Center or Program as a faculty, staff, trainee or community advisory council member. Only one member, designated by the director, can vote in Council matters.

**Membership Expectations.** The full Council meets face-to-face once a year in conjunction with the AUCD Conference and at least three additional times during the year through conference calls.

**Council Leadership.** The leadership of the council consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Emerging Leader representative. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are elected to 3-year terms. The Emerging Leader is selected by the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary on an annual basis.

## Communication

The CEDC communicates using the AUCD listserv, email list, and Facebook group.