



Speak Up for UCEDDs!

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AUCD Network Member

Social Media Post 1

UCEDDs have been advancing disability rights for over 60 years. Now, they're at risk—and we need your voice.

The FY26 budget proposal calls for eliminating UCEDDs as independent programs, folding them into a single budget with four other distinct disability programs. This change would dismantle decades of research, training, and services that UCEDDs have built across every U.S. state and territory.

This threatens:

- Services for people with disabilities
- Disability research and training
- State and federal partnerships
- Compliance with the DD Act

We must protect the independence and impact of UCEDDs.

Contact your Senators and Representatives today and urge them to protect UCEDDs!

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Social Media Post 2

🗣️ Did you know your state has a UCEDD? These centers have been advancing disability rights for over 60 years through research, education, and services. But now, a new federal budget plan threatens to **eliminate their independence**—and that would hurt people with disabilities across the country.

☎️ Call your senators.

✉️ Email your reps.

👊 Protect UCEDDs. Protect disability rights.

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Self/Family Advocate

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[I am], [Organization is] *speaking up because UCEDDs are important!*

Whether it was going through trainings, receiving support for my family/individuals with I/DD, or the incredible community — UCEDDs build better communities for people with disabilities.

But now, the federal budget proposal threatens to eliminate them as independent programs. This means less support, less research, and fewer services for people with disabilities. It also violates the DD Act—plain and simple.

I was supported by my UCEDD **[TAG THEM HERE]**. I'm asking you to join me in taking action to make sure they can continue supporting the disability community.

- Call your Senators and Representatives.
- Tell them: UCEDDs must stay independent.
- Use your voice: [Insert action link or AUCD link]

We can't afford to lose these programs.

#ProtectUCEDDs #SpeakUpForUCEDDs #DisabilityRights #UCEDDsMatter

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I'm speaking up for UCEDDs because they've supported me, my community, and so many others.

UCEDDs helped me become a stronger advocate.

They trained my providers.

They backed life-changing research.

Now their future is on the line. The Administration's FY26 Budget Proposal eliminates UCEDDs into a single program and erases their impact.

Congress needs to hear from us—**UCEDDs must remain independent.**

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