



Speak Up for UCEDDS

Campaign Image Descriptions



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	<p>Light grey background with blue and black text. Title reads “UCEDDs are in trouble.” Below black text that reads The Administration’s FY26 proposed federal budget is calling to eliminate UCEDDs across the country. The bill moves the UCEDD funds into block grants. A definition of block grants is included at the bottom in italic text with an orange arrow icon: “A block grant is a funding method that allows states to allocate funds as they see fit. This is a bad proposal for UCEDDs and other programs that advance disability rights.”</p>
	<p>Dark blue background with orange text: But first, what are UCEDDs? Below white text that reads UCEDD stands for <i>University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities</i>. A white starburst graphic appears in the lower right corner and an orange arrow icon is in the lower left corner.</p>
	<p>Light grey background with blue and black text. Title reads “What do UCEDDs do?” Followed by UCEDDs are a nationwide network of independent but interlinked centers that address issues, find solutions, and advance research related to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. They work with State DD Councils, providers, professionals, and individuals with DD and their families to advance disability rights, services, and supports. An orange arrow icon is in the lower right corner.</p>

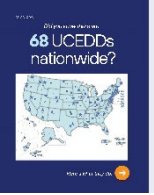

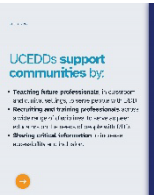





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	<p>Dark blue background with white and blue text: Did you know there are 68 UCEDDs nationwide? Map of the United States with blue stars showing the locations of 68 UCEDDs nationwide, along with an orange arrow icon is in the lower left corner with text "Here's what they do!"</p>
	<p>Light grey background with blue and black text. Title reads "UCEDDs support communities by:" followed by a bulleted list: State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, that use UCEDD data to advocate for inclusive state policy. Protection & Advocacy Systems (P&As) to use UCEDD research in legal advocacy. Projects of National Significance (short-term discretionary investments for creative problem-solving) use UCEDD knowledge to address emerging needs. & Communities use UCEDD research to inform advocacy related to policies impacting people with I/DD and their families. An orange arrow icon is in the lower right corner.</p>
	<p>Light grey background with blue and black text. Title reads "UCEDDs support communities by:" followed by a bulleted list: Teaching future professionals, in classroom and clinical settings, to serve people with I/DD. Recruiting and training professionals across a wide range of disciplines, to serve as peer educators on the needs of people with I/DD. Sharing critical information to increase accessibility and inclusion. An orange arrow icon is in the lower right corner.</p>
	<p>Light grey background with blue and black text. Title reads "UCEDDs support communities by:" followed by a bulleted list: Providing diagnoses, screenings, vaccinations, and therapies through clinics. Offering early childhood education programs to promote learning and social engagement. Promoting exercise and wellness in recreational settings for youths and adults. Sharing information and assist with disaster planning, response, and recovery. Providing opportunities for people with I/DD to influence policies and programs intended to support them. An orange arrow icon is in the lower left corner.</p>

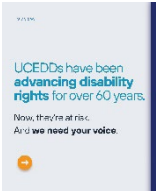
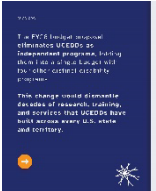







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	<p>Dark blue background with white text. The FY26 budget proposal eliminates UCEDDs as independent programs by folding them into a shared budget with four other disability programs. Bolded text below: that this change would dismantle decades of research, training, and services across every U.S. state and territory. A white starburst graphic appears in the lower right corner and an orange arrow icon is in the lower left corner.</p>
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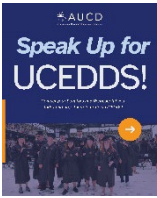




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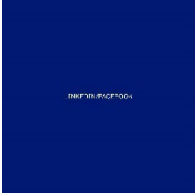
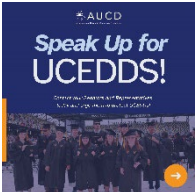





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