

# AUCD Centers Serving Alabama

UAB Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD & LEND)



**University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)** work with people with disabilities, members of their families, state and local government agencies, and community providers in projects that provide training, technical assistance, service, research, and information sharing, with a focus on building the capacity of communities to sustain all their citizens.

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LENDs)** provide interdisciplinary training, services, and care for people with disabilities across the lifespan.



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## Disability in Alabama by the Numbers

**95,189**

Students ages 3-21 receive special education supports<sup>1</sup>

**38.80%**

of people with disabilities are employed<sup>2</sup>

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**1**

14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages<sup>3</sup>

**\$1,101,573,672**

Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care<sup>4</sup>

vs

**\$758,058,593**

Medicaid expenditures for HCBS<sup>4</sup>

**\$4,800,800**

Individuals with disabilities living in communities<sup>5</sup>

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