

AUCD Centers Serving Alaska

Center for Human Development, LEND
Without Walls



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.



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

LEND Without Walls

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Disability in Alaska by the Numbers

18,941

Students ages 3-21
receive special
education supports¹

51.7%

of people with
disabilities are
employed²

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14c certificate holders
paying subminimum
wages³

\$218,988,819

Medicaid expenditures
for LTSS institutional
care⁴

VS

\$324,206,451

Medicaid
expenditures for
HCBS⁴

821,000

Individuals with
disabilities living in
communities⁵

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