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Center for Disabilities Studies (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 traininr technical assistance, service, research, and information sharing, with a focus 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.

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Disability in Delaware by the Numbers

24,382

Students ages 3-21 receive special education supports¹

52.70%

of people with disabilities are employed²

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14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages³

\$ 354,376,163

Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care⁴

vs

\$ 392,740,455

Medicaid expenditures for HCBS⁴

974,000

Individuals with disabilities living in communities⁵

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