



# AUCD Centers Serving Louisiana

Human Development Center at LSU Health New Orleans (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.



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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 Louisiana by the Numbers

<b>84,473</b> Students ages 3-21 receive special education supports <sup>1</sup>	<b>38.70%</b> of people with disabilities are employed <sup>2</sup>	<b>60</b> 14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages <sup>3</sup>
<b>\$ 1,631,650,409</b> Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care <sup>4</sup>	<b>\$ 883,543,183</b> Medicaid expenditures for HCBS <sup>4</sup>	<b>4,649,000</b> Individuals with disabilities living in communities <sup>5</sup>

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