



AUCD Centers Serving Mississippi

Institute for Disability Studies, Partners for Inclusive Communities



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.

Partners for Inclusive Communities, Arkansas' UCEDD, has a formal training partnership with the University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Disability Studies.
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Disability in Mississippi by the Numbers

126,064 Students ages 3-21 receive special education supports ¹	40.60% of people with disabilities are employed ²	16 14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages ³
\$1,098,217,821 Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care ⁴	\$517,580,328 Medicaid expenditures for HCBS ⁴	2,976,000 Individuals with disabilities living in communities ⁵

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