



AUCD Centers Serving Tennessee

University of Tennessee Center on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD & LEND), Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (UCEDD, LEND, & IDDRC)



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.

University of Tennessee Center on Developmental Disabilities

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Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

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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.

University of Tennessee Health Science Center LEND

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Website: <https://www.uthsc.edu/pediatrics/divisions/developmental-pediatrics/lend.php>

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs) represent the nation's first and foremost sustained effort to prevent and treat disabilities through biomedical and behavioral research.

Vanderbilt Consortium IDDRC

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Vanderbilt Consortium LEND

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Disability in Tennessee by the Numbers

125,097

Students ages 3-21 receive special education supports¹

44.00% of people with disabilities are employed²

&

33

14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages³

\$1,332,127,099
Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care

vs

\$1,482,924,201
Medicaid expenditures for HCBS⁴

6,829,000
Individuals with disabilities living in communities⁵

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