



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) interdisciplinary training, services, and care for people with disabilities across the lifespan.

Illinois LEND

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Disability in Illinois by the Numbers

297,960

Students age 3-21
receive special
education supports¹

48.90%

of people with
disabilities are
employed²

&

50

14c certificate holders
paying subminimum
wages³

\$2,137,866,964

Medicaid expenditures
for LTSS institutional
care⁴

vs

\$2,638,374,763

Medicaid
expenditures for
HCBS⁴

12,672,000

Individuals with
disabilities living
in communities⁵

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