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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.

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Disability in Louisiana by the Numbers

84,473

Students age 3-21 receive special education supports¹

38.70%

VS

of people with disabilities are employed²

60

14c certificate holders paying subminimum wages³

\$1,631,650,409

Medicaid expenditures for LTSS institutional care⁴

\$883,543,183

Medicaid expenditures for HCBS⁴ 4,649,000

Individuals with disabilities living in communities⁵

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