



University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)

What is a UCEDD?

A UCEDD helps support people with developmental disabilities through education, research, and service.



UCEDDs also work with other people with significant, life-long disabilities, including traumatic brain injury, mental illness, and sensory or physical disabilities.

UCEDDs provide training, services, and technical assistance. They also conduct research and share important information.



UCEDDs receive their core funding from the Administration for Community Living (ACL).



Each UCEDD is associated with a university. There is at least one UCEDD in every U.S. state and territory.



You can find the UCEDD in your State/Territory at

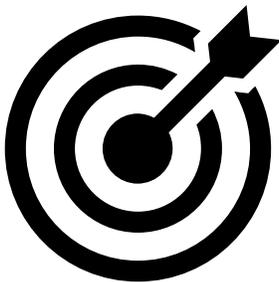
www.aucd.org/directory

You can search for UCEDD Projects at

www.aucd.org/nirs/search/search.cfm

How do UCEDDs achieve their goals?

UCEDDs achieve their goals by working with others such as:



- people with disabilities and their families
- federal and state agencies
- service providers and others



UCEDDs work with 2 additional programs in their states:

- State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils). DD Council's help people with developmental disabilities participate in all parts of community life.
- State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems. These systems protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities.

How do UCEDDs train and teach others?



UCEDDs train and teach others on issues that affect people with disabilities. These issues include health, education, employment, and social service systems.



Each year, UCEDDs train and teach:

- College students
- Practicing professionals who use evidence-based techniques
- Policymakers who set future policy directions
- Direct care providers who support people with disabilities
- Individuals and families engaging in self-determination and self-advocacy

Over the past 40 years, UCEDDs have played important roles in every major disability initiative.





What do UCEDDs research?

UCEDDs participate in current research, evaluation, and analysis. UCEDD research activities include:

- Basic and applied research
- Policy analysis
- Changing research into practice
- Evaluating the success of services and policies

How do UCEDDs share information?

UCEDDs communicate and share information with many people. Some of the ways UCEDDs share information is by:



- Writing articles in academic journals
- Publishing reports and newsletters
- Presenting at conferences and meetings
- Sharing information on the internet



What services do UCEDDs provide?



UCEDDs provide direct services and supports to people with disabilities of all ages and their families. These services and supports reduce unfairness in health care, increase educational opportunities, build work skills, and improve daily living.

UCEDD services include:

- Conducting evaluations
- Providing clinical and other intervention services
- Connecting people with disabilities with new technologies that help with learning, employment, and community participation
- Providing direct health care services that pair young children with community resources
- Working with schools to deliver evidence-based educational programs in inclusive environments



What is AUCD and the national network?



The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) supports a national network of separate yet connected programs.

AUCD and the national network focuses on issues important to people with disabilities and their families.

For more information call 301-588-8252 or visit www.aucd.org



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AUCD in Plain Language

