

AUCD Network Engagement

Learn how AUCD network members can actively participate and interact with the AUCD national office and other network members in the categories listed below.

Key:

- D = Directors only
- SF = staff/faculty
- EL = Emerging Leaders
- N= All network members

Unless specifically noted, all the categories below are open to network members which includes Director, Faculty, Staff, and trainees.

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AUCD Events

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| AUCD Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically in November • Contact Laura Martin | January – May | Planning Committee |
| | Spring | Submit a proposal |
| | Summer | Nominate for an award |
| | Summer | Review proposals |
| | Fall | Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference • Trainees (EL) |
| | Fall | Register and book hotel |
| | Fall | Attend the Conference |
| | Fall | Social Media using #AUCD20(XX) |
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| AUCD Gala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring • Contact Laura Martin | Winter | Become a sponsor |
| | Winter | Contribute story around Gala theme for network map |
| | Spring | Attend the Gala |
| | Spring | Social Media using #AUCD4All |
| Disability Policy Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring • Coordinating partners include The Arc, AAIDD, AUCD, NACDD, SABE, and UCP • Primarily led by The Arc • Contact Rylin Rodgers only for AUCD activities listed here | Sunday before DPS | AUCD Policy Forum (EL) |
| | Monday | Policy Luncheon (invite only) |
| | During DPS | Social Media using #DPS20(XX) |
| AUCD Leadership Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically last week of June • Contact Maureen Johnson | Fall | Applications open |
| | Spring | Applications due |
| | Summer | AUCD Leadership Academy takes place |
| | Fall | Meet with other Academy cohorts (cohort members) |
| Directors Retreat (D) Focused meeting for network leadership to discuss critical topics | Spring | Participate in the event |

AUCD Governance

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| AUCD Board of Directors – Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Laura Martin | Spring | Call to serve on Nominating Committee |
| | Summer | Call for nominees for open Board positions |
| | Summer | Council Board Chair elections take place |
| | Fall | Vote for Board positions (D) |
| | November | New Board year turns over at the Conference |
| | Bimonthly | Board member meetings |

Board committees include:

- Finance
- International
- Conference Planning
- Public Policy
 - Right to Communicate
 - Rural Area Code Caucus

[Councils](#) – roles typically include Chair or Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and members; for questions about joining a specific Council, contact the Council chair at the links below.

Five Councils:

- [CEDC](#) (Community Education and Dissemination Council)
- [COLA](#) (Council on Leadership in Advocacy)
- [CORE](#) (Council on Research and Evaluation)
- [MCC](#) (Multicultural Council)
- [NTDC](#) (National Training Directors Council)

Council Activities include:

- Chair or Co-Chairs serve as a member of the Board of Directors and represent the Council interests
- Nomination and election of Board leadership
- Regular meetings
 - Typically quarterly calls
 - AUCD Conference
- Trainings via webinars
- Workgroups or other activities on topics that the Council prioritizes
- Collaboration with AUCD Central Office projects

Newsletters and Contact Information

- [Newsletters](#) – AUCD newsletters provide a way for people to learn about the activities and accomplishments of network members and relevant events. Each newsletter has its own distribution schedule and submission requirements – be sure to check the newsletter webpage when submitting content and/or with questions.
 - [Submit request](#) to promote Center/program activities, events, products, and news through AUCD newsletters
- [Listservs](#) – Communication among and between members is integral to the success of the entire network. AUCD members are encouraged to subscribe to appropriate AUCD listservs. Membership and postings on all lists are moderated by AUCD staff.
- [Special Interest Groups \(SIGs\)](#) – SIGs engage AUCD network members and partners who share a common topical interest. SIGs serve as a mechanism for sharing information, generating new ideas, and responding to emerging needs. SIGs are led by one or more individuals from the network and can serve as a national group of experts; they typically meet in person at the AUCD Conference and may share information via email, conference call, or webinars throughout the year.
- [AUCD Directory](#) – Click on anywhere on the map to see contact information for each UCEDD and LEND, or seek for expertise and collaborators in the network based on position or discipline. A separate [IDDRC directory](#) also provides contact and background information about AUCD's member IDDRC programs.
- [National Information Reporting System \(NIRS\)](#) – NIRS is the national, web-based data reporting and retrieval system for the AUCD Network. NIRS enables UCEDD and LEND Network members to manage data on their training programs, projects, activities, and products, and helps them comply with Federal reporting requirements. The data gathered in NIRS also enables AUCD to develop composite snapshots of cutting-edge projects and content experts within the network to inform policies and emerging priorities.
 - Contact [Natalie Martinez](#) with any questions
 - [New Data Coordinators Orientation](#)
 - Data coordinators listserv
 - Data coordinators quarterly calls
 - In-person data coordinators meeting during the AUCD Conference
 - [Public search for projects and products documented in NIRS](#)
- [Diversity & Inclusion Toolkit](#) – This collaborative toolkit provides concrete objectives, strategies, and resources to enhance diversity, inclusion, and cultural and linguistic competence; cultivate partnerships; respond to increasingly diverse communities across the country; and develop strategies for continuing efforts to better serve diverse populations.

- [Snapshot of goals, themes, and objectives of Diversity & Inclusion Toolkit](#)
- [Submit a real world example](#)
- [Diversity Fellowship Projects](#)
- [Public Health is for Everyone Toolkit](#) - This online toolkit which serves as a one-stop resource to increase the capacity of public health professionals to create programs that benefit entire communities, including people who have disabilities. The PHEtoolkit provides public health professionals with resources to enhance their planning efforts in key issue areas.
 - [Submit a resource](#)
- Social Media
 - AUCD: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) (including *Tuesdays with Liz*), [LinkedIn](#)

AUCD National Office

University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)

- TA Center: [UCEDD Resource Center](#) (URC)
- Contact [Sarah DeMaio](#)

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| TA Institute (D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UCEDD leaders to network, meet with federal project officers, and learn of new initiatives, national trends, and information | Spring | Participate in the event |
| | Winter to Spring | Planning committee meets |
| | Spring | Territories Meeting |
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| TA Meetings during the AUCD Conference | Fall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UCEDD Directors Meeting (D) ● Joint UCEDD/LEND/IDDRC Directors Meeting (D) ● Territories Meeting (invite only) ● UCEDD 5-year planning ● Data Coordinators Meeting (contact Natalie Martinez) |
| New Directors Orientation (D) | TBD, based on Directors' availability | Orientation for New Directors |
| Project Advisory Committee | Semi-annual | Calls in August and October |

- Listservs
 - Business Managers; contact [Sarah DeMaio](#)
- Facilitating collaboration to address emerging trends
 - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS); contact [Denise Rozell](#)
 - Spanish Language Caucus; contact [Katie Johnson](#)
 - Plain Language Advisory Committee; contact [Katie Johnson](#)
 - Language and Communication Advisory Committee; contact [Sarah DeMaio](#)
 - Collaboration with: OIDD, DD Network members, external partners
 - UCEDD Promotion workgroup; contact [Natalie Martinez](#)
 - Grantwriting partnerships, collaborations, and letters of support; contact [Dawn Rudolph](#)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)

- TA Center: [Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance on Autism and Developmental Disabilities \(ITAC\)](#)
- Contact [Jackie Czyzia](#)

| Meetings | | |
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| | Timeline | Activity |
| Autism CARES Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Jackie Czyzia | Winter – Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Committee • Submit a proposal |
| | Summer / Fall | Attend the Autism CARES Meeting |
| LEND Directors Meeting (D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | Summer and Fall at the AUCD Conference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the LEND Directors Meeting • Joint UCEDD/LEND/IDDRC Directors Meeting (D) |
| Data Coordinators Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Natalie Martinez | Fall at the AUCD Conference | Data Coordinators only |
| Division of Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development (DMCHWD) Meeting | Summer | Virtual meeting |
| Newsletters | | |
| | Timeline | Activity |
| ITAC Quarterly Bulletin Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Emma Fox | Quarterly (February, May, August, November) | Submit content to share with other LEND network members |
| Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Emma Fox | Spring and Fall | Submit content to share with other Autism CARES grantees |
| Project Activities | | |
| | Timeline | Activity |
| FAST Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITAC encourages proposals on an annual basis from LEND and DBP programs that wish to receive targeted assistance and funding to address priority areas of network need. | Spring | RFA is released |
| | Summer | Applications due |
| | Fall – Summer | Project activities |
| Project Advisory Committee | Quarterly | Calls, email input as requested |
| Baylor Transition Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually in October | Summer | Become a broadcast site (D, SF) |
| | Fall | Attend the conference remotely |
| Workgroups | | |
| | Timeline | Activity |
| Purposeful Inclusion of People with Disabilities (PWD) | Bimonthly calls on the 1 st Wednesday, 3pm ET | Two subcommittees: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Faculty technical assistance 2) Peer network for current and former self-advocacy trainees |

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| | | Share any challenges, strategies, and expertise related to including self-advocacy trainees in LEND programs |
| LEND Family Discipline Network • LFDN Facebook page | Bimonthly calls on the 3 rd Tuesday at 10am ET | Share challenges, strategies, and expertise related to including family faculty and trainees in LEND programs |
| LEND Program Quality Improvement (LPQI) | Monthly calls on the 3 rd Tuesday at 11:00am ET | Programs that are implementing validated trainee self-report and faculty observation measures at specific time points during the year, with the goal of determining how LEND advances knowledge and skills within key leadership competency areas |
| Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) Curriculum Resources Editorial Board | Calls on an ad hoc basis | Ensures module content is update and determining if/when new content is needed. |

- Request and respond to TA Needs
 - Needs Assessment (D)
- [LEND Regional Consortia](#) (N); contact [Jackie Czyzia](#)

Public Policy

- Contact [Rylin Rodgers](#)

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| AUCD Policy Fellowship | Winter | Application Opens |
| | Summer – Summer | Fellowship |

- Policy Committee (see under Governance)
- Submit ideas for *Tuesdays with Liz*; contact [Liz Weintraub](#)

National Center on Disability in Public Health (AUCD's Public Health Team)

- Visit the [NCDPH website](#)
- Contact [Adriane Griffen](#) / [Tanisha Clarke](#)

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| Act Early Ambassadors • Contact Danielle Webber | Late Fall / Early Spring | RFA released for any open Ambassadorships |
| | Spring | Annual Training for Ambassadors |

- Initiatives of NCDPH
 - Access to Healthcare
 - HEAT (Health is for Everyone: Action Team) project
 - Healthcare Transition National Learning Group
 - Developmental Monitoring and Screening
 - Act Early Ambassadors
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Nutrition and Healthy Weight
 - Nutrition is for Everyone
 - Sexual and Reproductive Health
 - Wellness and Mental Health
 - Cultural Adaptation of Legacy for Children for Latino Communities
 - Family Interaction Training (FIT) program
- Newsletters
 - [Inclusive Public Health Quarterly](#)

- [Act Early Network News](#)
- Hashtag: #PHIs4Everyone
- Learning Groups
 - Communities of Practice that develop our practice-based research, [Inclusion Wheel: Tool for Building Capacity and Public Health Leaders to Serve People With Disabilities](#)
 - Disability Data to Action Community of Practice
 - Positive Parenting Community of Practice
- [On Demand Webinar series](#) (CHES available)
- [Public Health is for Everyone](#)

Professional Fellows Program on Inclusive Disability Employment (PFP-IDE)

- [Visit the PFP-IDE website](#)
- Contact [Dorothy Garcia](#)
- Social media
 - If you have a network member who engages in disability-related international work, promote that on social media and notify AUCD so we can do the same. Even if it is not directly connected to the PFP-IDE Program, we can highlight that to our partners at the State Department, including the Disability Rights Team. Use: #ExchangeOurWorld and @AUCDnews (twitter) and @AUCDnetwork (Facebook)

AUCD Emerging Leaders Community

- Includes current and former trainees, and early career professionals
- [Visit the AUCD Emerging Leaders Community website](#)
- Contact [Maureen Johnson](#)

| | Timeline | Activity |
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| AUCD Emerging Leaders Internship (2 paid positions) | Spring | Application opens |
| | Summer | Application closes |
| | August – May | Internship responsibilities |
| Trainee Liaison | August | Recruitment begins |
| | September – May | Trainee Liaison responsibilities |
| AUCD Emerging Leaders Map | Fall | Recruitment begins |
| | Winter | Recruitment ends |
| | Spring | Yearly map launched |
| AUCD Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships available | Fall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainee Networking Session • Focus Group • Trainee-Professional Networking Breakfast • Trainee Liaison dinner • Diversity Fellowship Poster Symposia |
| Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships available | Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-EHDI LEND workshop • LEND debrief |
| Disability Policy Seminar | Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUCD Policy Forum • Trainee Liaison dinner |

Autism Intervention Research Network for Physical Health (AIR-P)

- Web address TBD
- Contact [Dawn Rudolph](#)

| | Timeline | Activity |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| AIR-P Webinars | Monthly | See AUCD Events for schedule |
| AIR-P Research Days | Fall | Participate in Research Day bookended with AUCD conference |
| | Summer-Fall | Participate in Research Day bookended with CARES meeting |

- The purpose of AIR-P is to establish and maintain an interdisciplinary, multicenter research forum for scientific collaboration and infrastructure building.
- This Research Network will provide national leadership in research to advance the evidence base on effective interventions for autistic individuals and individuals with other developmental disabilities, with a focus on addressing physical health and wellbeing across the lifespan.

AUCD network members can engage in AIR-P by mentoring emerging researchers to propose a research study to be sponsored by AIR-P, and/or download approved research packages for local implementation

Morehouse School of Medicine National COVID-19 Resiliency Network (NCRN)

- [Visit the NCRN website](#)
- Contact [Denise Rozell](#)
- Activities:
 - o Dissemination of information to hardest hit communities
 - o Partnership with organizational leaders in hardest hit communities