UCEDD Introduction
The purpose of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act is to assure individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are participating in the design of and having access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life through culturally competent programs.
The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is a diverse network of people with disabilities, families, educators, researchers, advocates, and professionals.

AUCD is a strong presence in every U.S. state and territory, and grows leaders who have the skills to make a difference throughout the world.

In partnership with people with disabilities, AUCD promotes inclusion, dignity, respect, equity, justice, health, and well-being across the lifespan in all communities.

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Three National Networks of Centers

- 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)
- 52 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Programs
- 16 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)
LEND Programs provide graduate level interdisciplinary training. The purpose of the LEND training program is to improve the health of people with disabilities across the lifespan. We accomplish this by preparing trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and by ensuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence and leadership.