What is UCEDD?

University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service
Topics of Presentation

1. Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)
2. Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
3. AUCD’s Council on Community Advocacy (COCA)
1. The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Where is AIDD located?

Federal Dept. of Health & Human Services

ACL
Administration for Community Living

Administration on Aging

Center for Integrated Programs

Administration on Disability

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research

Independent Living Administration

Administration on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

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AIDD is the federal agency responsible for the DD Act
AIDD

- **AIDD** administers the UCEDD grant program
- AIDD provides core funding to help pay for the cost of the operation of each UCEDD
What is AIDD’s mission?

To improve and increase services to and assure that individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities have opportunities to:

– contribute to society,
– make their own choices,
– have supports to live independently, and
– are free of abuse, neglect, financial, and sexual exploitation, and violations of their legal and human rights
What are the functions of AIDD?

AIDD has staff that:

– Processes grant awards to DD Act programs
– Oversees the DD Act programs to make sure they are meeting the requirements of the law
– Provides guidance and technical assistance to programs on the DD Act
– Monitors grantees to evaluate their program performance
How does AIDD monitor its grantees?

- Reviewing annual progress reports
- Reviewing financial reports
- Conducting on-site monitoring visits called MTARS
- Reviewing 5-year plans
2. The Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

AUCD is a network of interdisciplinary centers advancing public policy and practice for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and communities.
The AUCD network consists of:

- UCEDDs

- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Programs

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)
National Network of UCEDDs

Map showing the locations of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) across the United States with states highlighted in various regions.
UCEDDs, LENDs, and IDDRCs

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
△ Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
○ Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (DDRC)
The 3 AUCD networks:

The 3 networks complement each other:

– UCEDDs address many issues related to people with disabilities across the lifespan
– LENDs train professionals to work with children and adolescents with developmental disabilities and special health care needs
– IDDRCs focus on the prevention of disabilities and the expansion of our understanding of the biology of disability
AUCD helps their members learn from each other and work together

– Conferences and meetings
– Publications and other communications
– Connecting people with the same interests
3. AUCD’s Council on Community Advocacy

(COCA)
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• Comprised of CAB representatives (family members and individuals with disabilities)

• Ensures the voice of individuals with disabilities is heard in the work of AUCD

• The co-chairs of COCA serve on AUCD’s board

• Members communicate by conference call and listserv
The COCA assists AUCD to advance policy and practice for and with people with disabilities, their families, and communities.
COCA helps AUCD to:

• Build effective partnerships with other Councils and Committees, federal agencies, and other national disability groups

• Build the capacity of local CABs by identifying needs for assistance, providing technical assistance, and disseminating information about exemplary and innovative practices

• Envision, actively advocate for, and disseminate information about the next generation of policy and practice that will help make the promise of full participation a reality
COCA helps AUCD to:

- Develop leaders and mentors that build the capacity of the network to affect change at the local, state, and national levels

- Assist in the development of standards for participation of people with disabilities and family members in UCEDD education, research, and service programs and in AUCD functions

- Serve as a model and resource for others desiring to infuse the participation people with disabilities and family members into program planning, research, and evaluation
COCA:

All CAB members are invited to participate in COCA.

Mark will notify members of phone/web-based meetings and COCA activities.
Questions