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Community Advisory Committee Brief Orientation

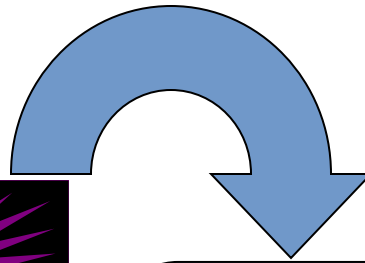
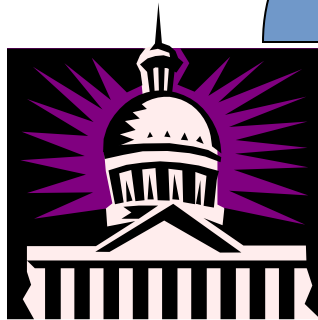
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The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities





The
Developmental
Disabilities Act

“DD Act”

Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)

University
Centers for
Excellence in
Developmental
Disabilities

CCIDS

Protection &
Advocacy

Disability Rights
Maine

Developmental
Disabilities
Councils

Maine DD
Council

Projects of
National
Significance

(NEAT Peer-to
Peer Project)



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AIDD is located in the Health and Human Services Building in Washington, DC





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Mission of the DD Act of 2000

“To assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of, and have 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...”

(Subtitle B – Section 121 – PL 106-402)



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Themes

The DD Act Programs all share 3 major themes:

- Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Systemic Change



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Advocacy: active support for a program, initiative, or change.

Capacity Building: strengthening local, state, regional, and national communities.

Systemic Change: modifying entire programs, policies, services, and/or funding streams.



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The Basics:

University Centers for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

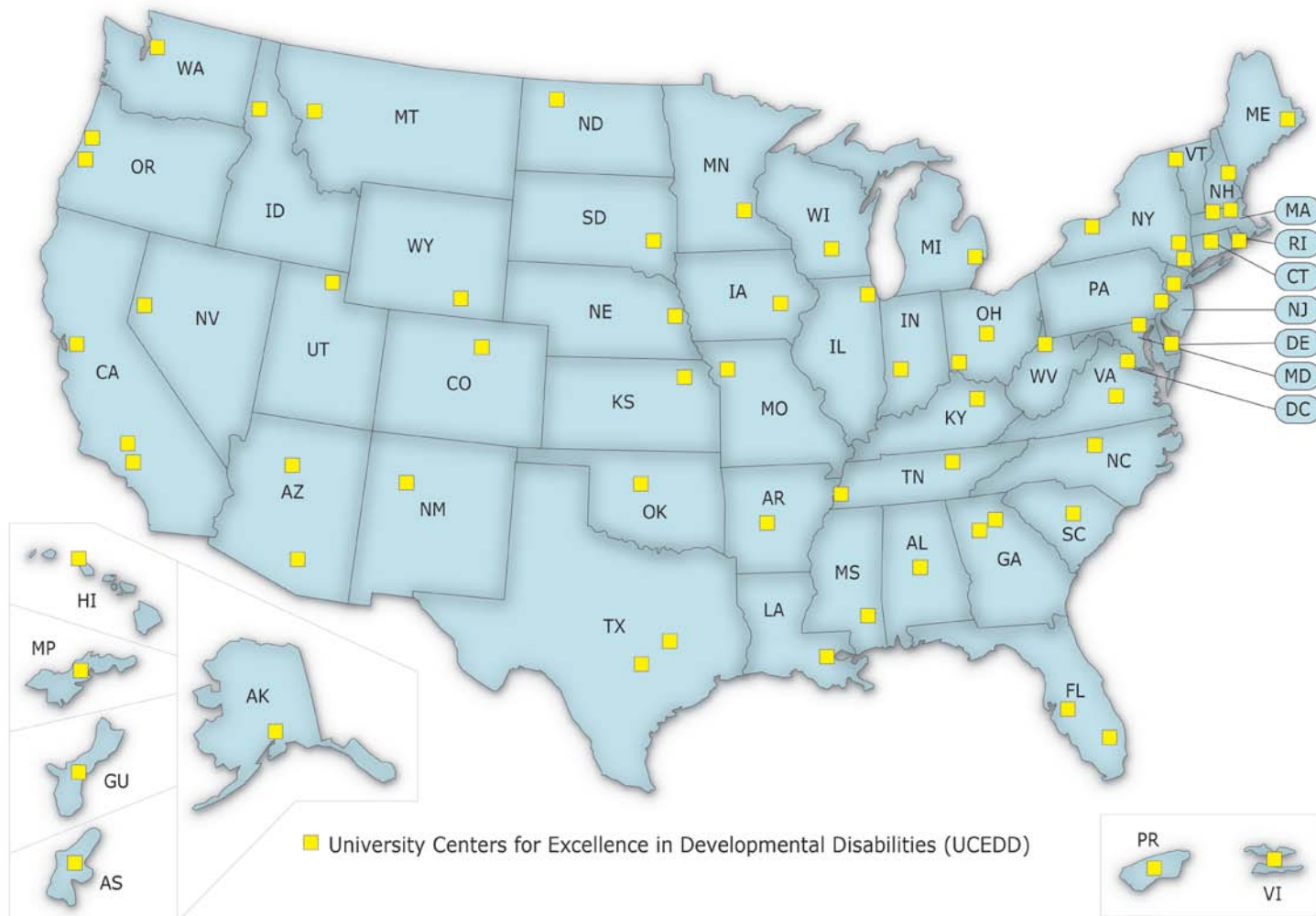
and the

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)



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National Network of UCEDDs



In General, What is a UCEDD?

UCEDDs are leaders in four core function areas...

- Training
- Service
- Research
- Information Sharing

...all related to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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UCEDDs advise federal, state, and local policymakers on strategies to promote...

- Self-determination
- Independence
- Productivity
- Community integration

...of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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UCEDDs

UCEDDs must be associated with a University





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Understanding the UCEDD

Ice Cream Metaphor:

All UCEDDs start with the basic ingredients, but become their own particular flavor.





Core Funding and Leveraging Funds

- UCEDDs apply to AIDD for core funding
- UCEDDs submit a 5-Year Plan to AIDD
- The DD Act requires the UCEDD to use the core funding to leverage funding
 - Leverage funding means to get money from other sources
 - UCEDDs do this by getting other grants and contracts



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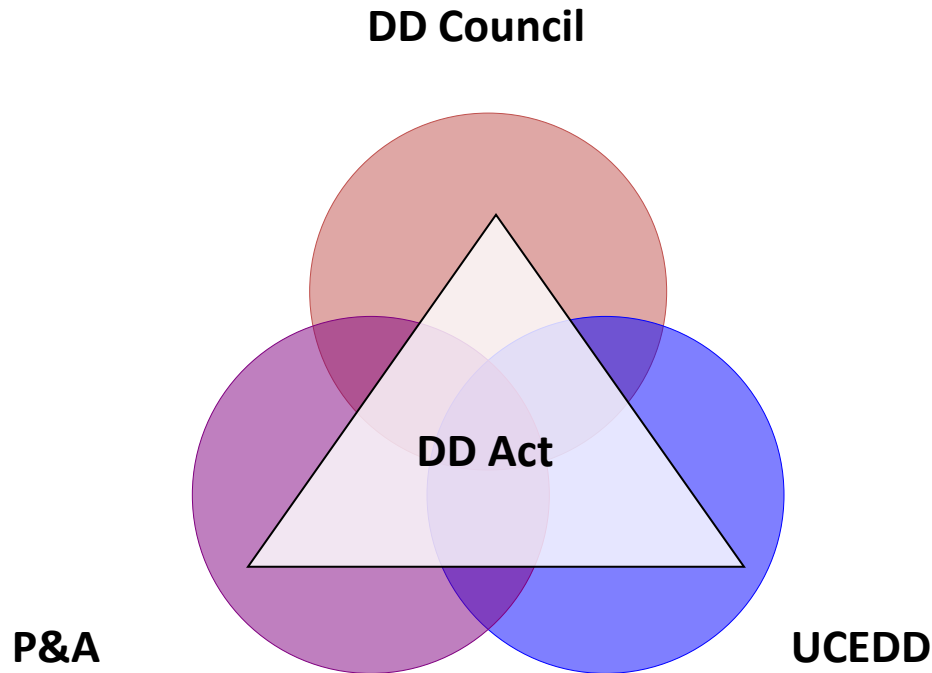
The State DD Network



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What is the State DD Network?

UCEDD + DD Council + P&A = State DD Network





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In Maine, Speaking Up for Us (SUFU), Maine's self-advocacy network, is also considered a member of the State's DD Network.

sufumaine.org



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The Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

So where do you fit in the picture?

What does the DD Act say about the Purpose of the CAC?

- Advise the director
- Provide guidance and feedback in the development of the 5-year plan
- Each year, provide guidance and feedback on how the UCEDD is doing with their 5-year plan



What does the DD Act say about the Members of the CAC?

The majority (over half of the CAC members) must be individuals with developmental and related disabilities and family members.





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The CAC **must** also include representatives from:

- State P&A
- State DD Council
- Other UCEDDs in state
- Self-Advocacy organization

And **may** include representatives from organizations such as:

- Parent and Training Information Center
- Those carrying out the Assistive Technology Act
- Relevant state agencies
- Community groups concerned with people with developmental disabilities and their family members



What is the Basic Role of a CAC?

- Advise and guide the work of the UCEDD
- Help create and move toward the vision of the UCEDD
- Serve as an informal bridge between the community and the university in our state



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Advisory Committees vs. Boards

- A *Board of Directors* guides an organization, and its members are legally responsible for the actions of the organization.
- *Advisory Committees* offer advice to an organization, but its members have no legal responsibility for the actions of the organization.

UCEDDs have Advisory Committees

What are Benefits of the CAC-UCEDD Relationship?

- The CAC is a bridge from the university and the UCEDD to the community.
- Participation in the CAC can be a leadership opportunity for members as disability advocates and mentors.
- CACs bring together decision-makers and people with different ways of looking at issues that may not have met before.
- CACs provide an opportunity for a culturally diverse forum on disability.

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