



Combating Autism Reauthorization Act Workgroup

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Purpose

To work with the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) to provide assistance to the Legislative Affairs Team and Legislative Affairs Committee with overall coordination of advocacy efforts for the Reauthorization of the Combating Autism Act (CAA) among the national network of LEND and UCEDD Centers.



Leadership Activities

- Investigated the impact the CAA has had in Maine.
- Networked with state leaders to unite and expand advocacy efforts.
- Met with state legislators in Augusta to discuss the importance of the Reauthorization of the CAA.
- Participated in monthly conference calls with representatives around the nation to collaborate on advocacy efforts.
- Effectively and competently advocated for the Reauthorization of the CAA during the 2014 Disability Policy Seminar.

Leadership Development

- Increased confidence and competence networking with state and federal leaders and legislators.
- Developed policy analyzing and advocacy skills.
- Learned how to identify opposition and address ambiguous arguments.
- Established lasting connections for the continuation of leadership development and education in the MCH field.

