

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)



What is a UCEDD?

UCEDDs generate knowledge to promote inclusion and independence for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Established in 1963 and funded by the Administration for Community Living, UCEDDs are university-based hubs addressing the needs of people with IDD and their families.

The national network includes 68 centers—one in every U.S. state and territory. In 2024, UCEDDs trained over 620,000 people, produced 11,000 resources, and served more than 1.3 million individuals and families.

The **UW UCEDD** is one of three federally funded centers at the **UW IHDD**. It promotes inclusion and works to improve life for people with IDD in Washington and beyond through four core functions.

UCEDD Core Functions

- **Interdisciplinary Training**
- **Community Service**
- **Research & Evaluation**
- **Information Dissemination**

IHDD Vision

Inclusive communities where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live, learn, work, and thrive.

IHDD Mission

To support our vision through...

- Scientific Discovery
- Education and Training
- Leadership Development
- Clinical Services
- Community Engagement
- Policy Change
- Advocacy Activities

UW UCEDD

The UW UCEDD is a community-engaged center advancing disability inclusion through research, training, and systems change.



The University of Washington UCEDD

In 1960, a Washington state committee called for a center to support children with developmental disabilities. In 1963, state law established “a center for research and training in intellectual and developmental disabilities” at the University of Washington.

UW UCEDD Programs

Adults & Elders: Promotes health and quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities.

UW Autism Center: Provides clinical care, training, and leading research.

Center for Technology and Disability: Explores assistive and supports accessible technologies.

Clinical Training Unit: Trains providers and supports children with IDD.

Community Disability Policy Initiative: Advances systems change in Washington.

Genetics Program: Provides education and care for individuals with genetic disabilities.

Haring Center: Offers inclusive early education, training, and research.

Community Services

WATAP, offering assistive technology demos, loans, and evaluations

UW Employment Program, supporting job seekers with disabilities

Independent Living Services for the Blind, empowering adults with vision loss

iCanConnect, providing technology to people with vision and hearing loss

UW UCEDD Clinics

Our specialty clinics provide interdisciplinary care, evaluation, and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We serve patients from infancy through adulthood across a range of neurodevelopmental and genetic conditions.

- Adult Autism Clinic
- UW Autism Center
- Biochemical Genetics Clinic
- Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Clinic
- Child Development Clinic
- Down Syndrome Clinic
- Fetal Alcohol Clinic
- Genetic Medicine Clinic
- Infant Follow-Up Clinic
- Preterm Babies Clinic
- Neurogenetics Clinic
- Pediatric Audiology Clinic
- Phenylketonuria (PKU) Clinic

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