



# CDCI *Fact Sheet*

CENTER ON DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Vermont's University  
Center for Excellence  
in Developmental  
Disabilities  
Education, Research,  
and Service

Collaborating  
with individuals  
with disabilities,  
their families  
and communities,  
to promote  
total community  
inclusion  
for everyone



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## CDCI's Mission

CDCI's mission is to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families through research, training and community service.

## Overview

CDCI is part of a national network of 67 UCEDDs (University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service) authorized under the Developmental Disabilities act of 2000. Each UCEDD is affiliated with a major research university and serves as a resource in the areas of education, research, and service relative to the needs of people with developmental disabilities.

CDCI is affiliated with the College of Education and Social Services at the University of Vermont and is housed on UVM's Trinity Campus. University faculty provide the direction for all of CDCI's projects.

## Core Functions

CDCI strives to achieve our mission through our core functions:

- Interdisciplinary Education
- Research and Evaluation
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Information Dissemination

## 2006 – 2007 Impact

During the 2006-2007 year, a total of 27,804 people received training and/or technical assistance through CDCI activities. Research and evaluation activities included a total of 168 people. Information dissemination impacted 15,908 people. Direct and/or demonstration services were provided to 1,318 children, youth, and adults. A total of 45,112 people were directly impacted by CDCI activities.



## Focus on a Core Function: Interdisciplinary Education 2006–2007

CDCI provides interdisciplinary training at both undergraduate and graduate levels through University approved coursework and guided practicum experience. Center faculty lectured in or co-taught the following special education programs:

College of Education and Social Services, UVM: Programs and current enrollment

Masters of Education: 33 students

General Special Education: 60 students

Early Childhood Special Education undergraduate program: 21 students

Special Education undergraduate minor: 72 students

Emotional and Behavioral Challenges Graduate program: 12 students

CDCI works with the State of Vermont Interdisciplinary Team for Intensive Special Education and the Vermont Department of Education to design an interdisciplinary Intensive Special Education M.Ed. program for educators of school age children with severe disabilities. Twelve students are enrolled in this program. Five students graduated in June 2007 and were eligible to receive Vermont Department of Education endorsement in Intensive Special Education.

### New Disabilities Studies Program

Our new Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies provides people in a variety of educational, health care and other occupations the opportunity to acquire information and knowledge that is critical to understanding and supporting persons with disabilities in their communities. The intent of the program is to enhance the diverse education and instructional needs of educators, health care professionals, people with disabilities, and family members. The program provides a unique interdisciplinary approach to disability studies and is intended to compliment traditional, discipline-specific programs.

One new class added to the program this year is **Culture of Disabilities**, to be offered Spring 2008. Co-taught by CDCI Executive Director Susan Ryan, and Deborah Lisi-Baker, Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Independent Living and President of the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights, the class will explore the medical, social, cultural, and political experience of disability. For more information please contact Susan Ryan, 802-656-1143, [susan.ryan@uvm.edu](mailto:susan.ryan@uvm.edu).

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