Making a Difference in Vermont

CDCI is part of a national network of Developmental Disabilities organizations charged with carrying out the activities of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

In Vermont, CDCI serves as a resource in the areas of education, research and service relative to the needs of people with developmental disabilities. We work together with our sister organizations—the Vermont DD Council and Disability Rights Vermont—to help improve the lives of Vermonters with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CDCI is proud to be a part of a system in which individuals with developmental disabilities have the ability and opportunity to make personal decisions, exert control over their lives, and participate in the same community activities that are available to individuals without disabilities.

The federal DD Act defines a developmental disability as a severe, chronic condition that occurs before the age of 22. The disability and related mental and/or physical impairments must result in functional limitations in three or more life areas.

For more information on the DD Act: [http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/DDA_BOR_ACT_2000/index.aspx](http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/DDA_BOR_ACT_2000/index.aspx)

A look at the DD Act

The intent of the DD Act is to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the development and support of our national network:

- Building system capacity and competence;
- Providing for protections of individual and civil rights; and
- Establishing centers focused on research, training, and knowledge dissemination.

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

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CDCI’s Impact

32 PROJECTS

CDCI operated 32 projects this year, enhancing services for people with disabilities and their families, from early childhood through adulthood.

90 INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

Ninety different written publications and electronic materials were developed and disseminated this year, aimed at sharing the latest information and resources in the field of developmental disabilities.

13,805 PARTICIPANTS

We provided interdisciplinary preservice preparation, continuing education, community training, and technical assistance to 13,805 participants during this year.

15 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Ten different CDCI faculty members and affiliated faculty researchers participated in publishing 15 manuscripts, including published and online peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, book reviews and state of Vermont reports.

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The year in numbers

Total tuition support for University of Vermont students

$215,078

Funding

In addition to our Core funding from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), CDCI leverages other external grants and cooperative agreements from federal and state agencies. Support is also provided by the University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services (UVM/CESS). CDCI leveraged over $3.4 million this year to carry out our work.

Our Community Advisory Council (CAC)

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Our CAC advises on CDCI projects and activities, reviews materials, and represents the interests of Vermonters with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and of families.

Collaboration

CDCI is Vermont’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). We achieve our goals through collaboration with individuals with disabilities, their family members, federal and state agencies, service providers and others. We work closely with our Vermont sister organizations:

- Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
- Disability Rights Vermont, Vermont’s Protection and Advocacy Agency
- Vermont Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals (VT-ILEHP), Vermont’s LEND

Along These Roads

Watch our video on the importance of inclusion:

www.uvm.edu/~cdci/?Page=alongtheseroads.html