The University of Connecticut A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (CT UCEDD) is one of the 67 national UCEDDs.

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Through our association and partnership with the University of Connecticut (UConn) and UConn Health, we are one of the premier centers in the Northeast for innovative teaching, research, and technical assistance enhancing the quality of services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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Areas of Emphasis

To promote informed choice and supported decision making by Connecticut Citizens with Disabilities so they may achieve opportunities to enhance their quality of life the Center focuses on:

- Early Intervention
- Schools
- Health
- Leadership & Sustainability

Projects

The UConn University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities is funded by grants from the Federal Government, the State of Connecticut and other groups to undertake diverse projects related to public awareness, training, professional resources, and research studies.

UCEDD Training Centers:

- Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) ecpcta.org
- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) uconnucedd.org/leadership-education

Some of our projects are on-going, funded through grants that we renew every few years. Find more information about these current projects on our website at: uconnucedd.org/projects/

- Act Early Connecticut
- Discover Learn Work
- Emergency Preparedness Curriculum
- Faith Based Initiative
- Public Health Research Study
- Pyramid Model for Communities of Practice
- Special Olympics Connecticut Research Project
- Think College Initiative

Our Vision

All Connecticut Citizens with Disabilities are valued citizens with opportunities and supports that allow them to be fully included, independent, productive and contributing members of society.

Our Mission

To provide interdisciplinary leadership in education, research, community services and dissemination of evidence based practices and policies to ensure all of Connecticut’s citizens with disabilities and their families fully participate in all facets of community life and are offered informed choices to ensure their quality of life.