

Over the past twenty-five years, we have played key roles in major disability initiatives. Through services, research and training, we have assisted in the advancement of early intervention, health care, community-based services, inclusive and meaningful education, child care, transition from school to work, employment, recreation and quality assurance, housing, assistive technology, transportation, and family support.



Through our association and partnership with the University of Connecticut (UConn) and the University of Connecticut Health Center, we are a premier center 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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The University of Connecticut  
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In Developmental Disabilities  
Education, Research and Service



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THE ADMINISTRATION ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACT

## OUR MISSION

We will work collaboratively to promote advocacy, capacity building, and systems change to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families.

## OUR VISION

We will promote interdisciplinary collaboration across academic and community settings, have a life span focus, and serve as a resource for public policy development through the dissemination of research findings and information about best practices.



## OUR CORE FUNCTIONS

### RESEARCH

Our research develops new knowledge for persons with disabilities, allowing them to lead satisfying lives across their lifespan.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING

Our training programs prepare individuals to respond to the needs of persons with disabilities.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

We offer training and technical assistance services to persons with disabilities and their families, community members, and to professionals in fields ranging from business to health care.

### INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

Our information sharing disseminates disability-related information and research findings to the broad community of individuals, families, and professionals.

## CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our work is supported through the contribution of our Consumer Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is composed of individuals with developmental disabilities and related disabilities; family members of individuals with developmental disabilities; representatives from disability-related training, service, and advocacy organizations; representatives from state agencies; and other disabilities advocates. Meetings of the CAC are held four times a year.

