

Making a Difference in Vermont

As a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, 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

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; → State Developmental Disabilities Councils
- Providing for protections of individual and civil rights; and → State Protection and Advocacy Councils
- Establishing centers focused on research, training, and knowledge dissemination. → University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Research, Education, and Service



A Vermont artist describes his work at the CDCI Art Gallery

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CDCI's Impact

27 PROJECTS

CDCI operated 27 projects this year, enhancing services for people with disabilities and their families, from early childhood through adulthood.



Mann Hall at the University of Vermont, Home to CDCI

124 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.



Learn more about our Life Histories project featuring videos about Vermonters with disabilities:
<http://www.uvm.edu/~cdci/lifehistories/>

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10,916 PARTICIPANTS

We provided interdisciplinary preservice preparation, continuing education, community training, and technical assistance to 10,916 participants during this year.

Total tuition support for University of Vermont students:



\$100,966

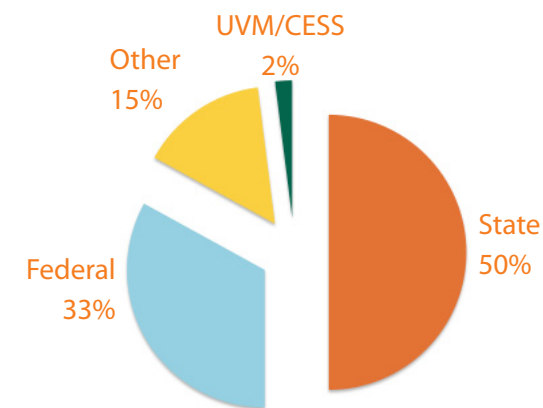
The year in numbers

8 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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

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 \$3.9 million this year to carry out our work.



We leverage \$7.19 dollars for every dollar we receive from AIDD.

Our Community Advisory Council (CAC)

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| Max Barrows | Liliane Savard |
| June Bascom | Ed Paquin |
| Jean Beatson | René Pellerin |
| Amber Fulcher | Karen Schwartz |
| Mary Alice Favro | Olivia Smith-Hammond |
| Kathy Holsopple | Karen Topper |
| Lisa Maynes | Nicole Villemaire |
| Nancy Kisonak | |

Our CAC advises on CDCI projects and activities, reviews materials, and represents the interests of Vermonters with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their 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 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program