

# The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## *A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities*

### Who We Are

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) links the community to vital research and information to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Our mission is to provide leadership that advances the inclusion of people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities.

### What We Do

**Pre-Service Preparation and Training:** Undergraduate and graduate students from a range of fields, including law, policy, public health, education, occupational and physical therapy, neuropsychology, and behavioral psychology, train at MCDD. Trainees gain practical skills and knowledge that inform their work about the needs, strengths and perspectives of people with disabilities across the lifespan.

**Community Service:** MCDD partners with multiple agencies to provide services and supports aimed at improving healthcare, childcare, education, employment, housing and overall quality of life for people with disabilities and their families.

**Research & Evaluation:** MCDD conducts research to study the impact of policy changes on individuals with disabilities, and to assess that community's needs. It also evaluates its research projects periodically to ensure that individuals with disabilities benefit from quality research methods and sound interpretation of results.

**Information Sharing:** Findings and relevant information gleaned from MCDD's work are shared with constituents on the local, regional, state, national and international levels.

### What Sets Us Apart?

**Worldwide expertise** at Kennedy Krieger, an internationally recognized leader.

**Medical-legal partnership** that integrates legal care for families into clinical practice.

**Self advocates** who lead People On the Go Maryland.

**State-of-the-art training services** that advance the careers and practices of professionals serving individuals with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities.



**Web-based data system** for real-time access to evaluation and planning information.

### Key Partnerships

MCDD partners with the following organizations throughout Maryland:

- The Arc Maryland
- Department of Aging
- Department of Disabilities
- Department of Health
  - Medical Care Programs
  - Maternal and Child Health Bureau
  - Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs
- Department of Human Services
- Developmental Disabilities Council
- Disability Rights Maryland
- Division of Rehabilitation Services
- The Hilltop Institute at UMBC
- Kinera Foundation
- Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services & Rehabilitative Services
- The Parents' Place of Maryland
- Pathfinders for Autism
- People On the Go Maryland

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*Building Partnerships. Changing Lives.*

We are all born with great potential.  
Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?

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