

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) connects the community to vital services, 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 train at the MCDD. These disciplines include law, policy, public health, education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, neuropsychology and behavioral psychology. 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: The MCDD partners with multiple agencies to provide services and supports aimed at improving healthcare, child care, education, employment, housing and overall quality of life for people with disabilities and their families.

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

Information sharing: Product development and information gleaned from the MCDD's work are shared with constituents at the local, state, national and international levels through conferences, our quarterly newsletter and the Resource Finder.



What Sets Us Apart?

Worldwide expertise: Kennedy Krieger Institute is an internationally recognized leader in the medical treatment of individuals with disabilities, and in performing research and advocacy in support of individuals with disabilities.

Medical-legal partnership: The MCDD integrates civil legal care for families into clinical practice.

Self-advocacy: People On the Go Maryland, the state's largest self-advocacy organization, is led by self-advocates on the MCDD team.

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

Web-based data system: MCDD staff members have real-time access to evaluation and planning information.

Key partnerships: The MCDD partners with the following organizations throughout Maryland:

- The Arc Baltimore
- The Arc Maryland
- Disability Rights Maryland
- Howard County Public School System
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Maryland Department of Disabilities
- Maryland Department of Health
 - Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Maryland Department of Human Services
- Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council
- Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services
- The Parents' Place of Maryland
- Pathfinders for Autism
- People On the Go Maryland
- Towson University
- University of Baltimore School of Law
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- Wicomico County Public Schools

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The MCDD is advised by a diverse Community Advisory Council (CAC) that includes three individuals with disabilities, two direct-support professionals, six family members of people with disabilities, and representation from seven state agencies and organizations that provide services and supports for the disability community in Maryland. The CAC meets in person on a quarterly basis.

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