Center on Human Development and Disability

CHDD

at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Center History & Organization
CHDD is located on the University of Washington
President Kennedy’s 1963 Question:

How do we promote research, professional interdisciplinary training, clinical services, dissemination, and advocacy at major universities?
In 1963 President John Kennedy signed Public Law 88-164. Along with Public Law 88-156 signed seven days earlier, these two laws represented the initial legislation intended to implement the recommendations of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation.

One major recommendation was to establish the first university based entities focusing on individuals with developmental disabilities.
1960 - a Washington state interagency committee recommended to Governor Albert Rosellini that a research and training center be established to meet the needs of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1963 - a citizens' committee along with numerous University of Washington researchers and clinicians from diverse disciplines concerned with human development convinced the Legislature to help build a center.
Construction of the CHDD begins

1967 - construction of the nation's largest Child Development Center began with a federal grant of $6 million matched by $5 million in state and other funds.

1969 - CHDD opened on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle in a complex of four newly constructed buildings.
University of Washington Commitment

— Twenty years for purpose intended
— Commitment for permanent use (1986)
— RCW 28B.20.410

Center for research and training in intellectual and developmental disabilities — Established.

There is hereby established at the University of Washington a center for research and training in intellectual and developmental disabilities.

CHDD’s Organizational Chart

UW Provost

Chair, Board of Health Sciences Deans

Director, Center on Human Development and Disability

University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Programs

- Adults and Elders
- Autism Center
- Barnard Center for Infant Mental Health and Development
- Center for Technology & Disability Studies
- Clinical Training Unit
- Community Disability Policy Institute
- Haring Center / Experimental Education Unit (EEU)
- Genetics Program

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center

Scientific Core Facilities

- Animal Behavior Core
- Behavioral Evaluation Center
- Brain Imaging Core
- Clinical Translational Core
- Genetics Core
UCEDD Goals

UCEDD works within an interdisciplinary framework to:

• Train professionals to meet the needs of people with disabilities
• Provide clinical services and model projects
• Reach out to the community with technical assistance and training
• Conduct applied research
• Disseminate information

UCEDD Values

• Independence
• Productivity
• Integration
Our CHDD website contains much more information.

Welcome to the Center on Human Development and Disability
A comprehensive interdisciplinary center

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Seattle, Washington, USA

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