



# **Systems of Care for Children Affected by Zika Virus**

**LEND Collaboration Opportunities**

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# What is LEND?

## Leadership **E**ducation in **N**eurodevelopmental and Related **D**isabilities

- MCHB-funded program that prepares trainees from a *wide variety of professional disciplines* to assume leadership roles in the delivery of services to children with autism and other NDDs in: (1) clinical practice, (2) research, and (3) public policy





# What is LEND?



- 52 programs at universities and children's hospitals in 44 states
- 6 states and 3 territories reached through partnerships
- > \$31 million in total grants and over 3,000 long-term trainees per year

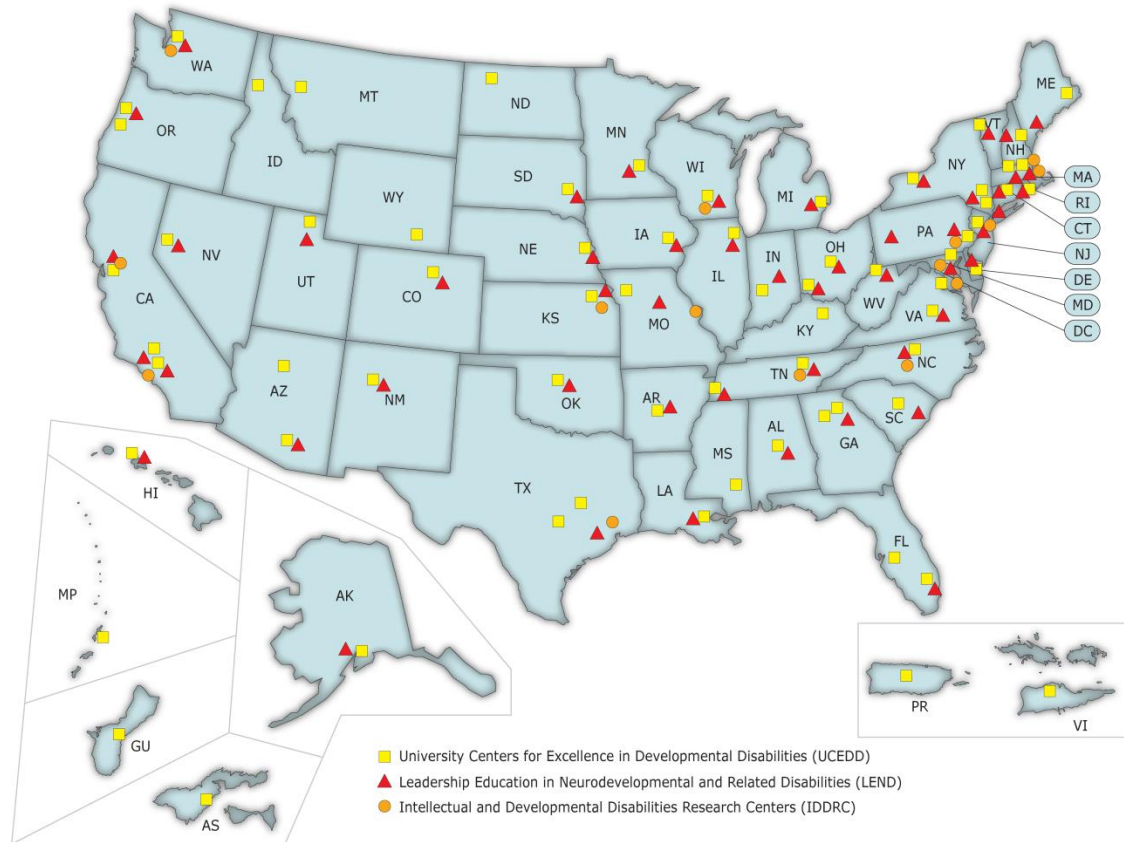


# LEND Objectives

- Advance the knowledge and skills of child health professionals to **improve care delivery systems**
- Provide high-quality interdisciplinary education that emphasizes the **integration of services from state and local agencies, private providers, and communities**
- Provide health professionals with skills that foster **community-based partnerships**
- Promote innovative practices to **enhance cultural competency, family-centered care, and interdisciplinary partnerships**



# Part of The AUCD Network



- LENDs
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs)
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)

[www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org)



# Responding to Zika

## Information Dissemination

Case Example: New Jersey  
AUCD's Early Intervention  
Special Interest Group Webinar  
“Infants with Congenital Zika  
Virus Infection and their  
Families”





# Responding to Zika

## Interdisciplinary Collaborations

Case Example: New York (Bronx)  
and Arkansas

- Zika Infection Subgroup
- NYC DOH - Montefiore Medical Center collaboration leveraging relationships with OB-GYN, Pediatric Infectious Disease and Pathology Depts.



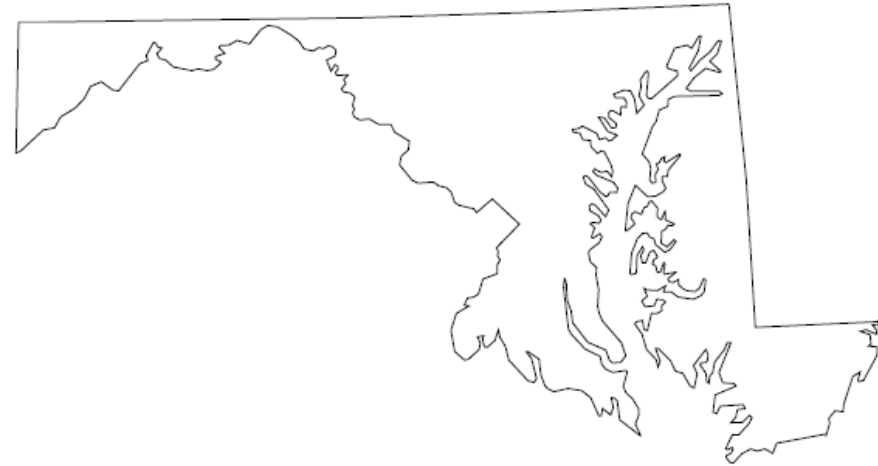


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## Clinical Services

Case Example: Kennedy Krieger Institute (MD)

- Interdisciplinary Microcephaly Clinic (offshoot of NICU Follow Up clinic)
- Audiology evaluations







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## Policy Advocacy

Case Example: Mailman

- Zika coalition advocating improvements including funding, using this window of opportunity to draw attention to broader DD system gaps
- Symposium on deliberative democracy





# Responding to Zika

## Professional Training

Case Example: Rhode Island and Tennessee

- Pediatric Grand Rounds
- LEND didactics
- Neurological Birth Defects Care Symposia
- Pediatric Mini Fellowships

