Systems of Care for Children Affected by Zika Virus
LEND Collaboration Opportunities
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What is LEND?

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities

- 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)
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Information Dissemination

Case Example: New Jersey

AUCD’s Early Intervention Special Interest Group Webinar “Infants with Congenital Zika Virus Infection and their Families”
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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.
Case Example: Kennedy Krieger Institute (MD)

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

Case Example: Rhode Island and Tennessee

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