

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 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 the Center. Trainees gain practical skills and knowledge about the needs, strengths, and perspectives of people with disabilities across the lifespan.

Community Service

The Center 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 and Evaluations

Whether through studying the impact of a policy change or assessing the needs of a community, the Center conducts research and evaluation to ensure that the disability community benefits from quality methods and sound interpretation of results.

Information Sharing

Findings and relevant information gleaned from the Center's work are shared with constituents on a local, regional, state, national, and international level.

What Sets Us Apart?

- **Worldwide expertise** of Kennedy Krieger Institute, an internationally recognized leader
- **Medical-legal partnership** that integrates legal care for families into clinical practice



- **Self advocates** on staff from People On The Go of Maryland
- **State-of-the-art training services** advance careers and practice of developmental disabilities professionals
- **Web-based data system** for real-time access to evaluation and planning information

Key Partnerships

- Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council
- Maryland Disability Law Center
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 - Medicaid
 - Developmental Disabilities Administration
 - Mental Health Administration
 - Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs
- Maryland State Department of Education
- Maryland Department of Disabilities
- The Arc Maryland

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Maximizing Potential. Creating Change.

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

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