

Introduction

The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) is an Organized Research Unit recognized by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents responsible for the following:

- Providing interdisciplinary personnel preparation
- Conducting community training and outreach
- Initiating research, demonstration, and evaluation projects
- Disseminating information on evidence-based practices
- Serving the university and community to improve the quality of services provided to persons with disabilities



CENTER ON DISABILITY STUDIES

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"The mission of the CDS is to promote diverse abilities across the lifespan through interdisciplinary training, research, and service."



Guiding Principles

- Advocating for Self-Determination
- Building Capacity
- Changing Systems
- Creating Partnerships
- Celebrating Diversity
- Championing Inclusion
- Empowering Abilities
- Nurturing Collaboration
- Promoting Learning
- Supporting Families

Emphasis Areas

- Arts and Recreation
- Community Living
- Early Intervention
- Education
- Employment
- Mental Health
- Postsecondary Education
- Special Health Needs
- Transition

Funding Sources

To accomplish its mission, the CDS has grants and contracts from major federal agencies, state agencies, foundations, and international organizations.

For every \$1 of AIDD core funding received, the CDS generates \$15 in grants and contracts.

Data based on 2015- 2016 Annual Report.

Partnerships

The CDS receives core funding from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), using those funds to leverage additional funding from additional sources.

Tri-Agency Partnerships

In addition to the CDS, the AIDD funds two other agencies in Hawaii that work in close partnership to complement the work done by CDS on behalf of persons with disabilities.

- Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Works in the area of System Advocacy and Policy Development
- Hawai'i Disability Rights Center: Provides Protection and Individual Advocacy

CDS Advisory Councils

- The *Community Advisory Council*: Provides the voice of consumers to advise the CDS on its priorities and activities
- The *University Coordinating Council*: Provides the voice of faculty across the UH System to guide interdisciplinary education and training activities

Community Partnerships

CDS faculty and staff participate in numerous international, national, and local organizations, non-profits, and professional organizations to provide leadership on disability issues. Faculty from CDS also participate in university service through membership in Faculty Senates, the Institutional Review Board, and other university committees.

Activities

Our funding portfolio reflects our efforts in evaluation, international outreach, instruction and training, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and accessibility. These are a few of our greatest accomplishments in 2016:

- 110 grant and contract proposals submitted
- 31 awards received
- \$9.5M received during FY 2015-2016

Pacific Rim International Conference

The Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities (Pac Rim) has been widely recognized over the past 30 years as one of the most “diverse gatherings” in the world. Learn more about the conference here:

<http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu>.

CDS Certificate Program

The Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability and Diversity Studies (DDS) is a 15-credit graduate level (master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral) program sponsored by the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) in the College of Education. Learn more about the certificate program here:

<http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/main/certificate/>.

RDS Journal

The RDS journal contains research articles, essays, and bibliographies relating to the culture of disability and people with disabilities. Learn more about the RDS journal here: <http://www.rds.hawaii.edu>.