

# Interdisciplinary Pre-Service Training and Internships at the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Preparing Future Leaders

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) is one of a national network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The MCDD pre-service program prepares students and trainees for leadership roles advancing inclusion for people with disabilities. Undergraduate and graduate students from a range of disciplines—including law, policy, public health, education, social work, psychology, neuropsychology, behavioral psychology, and occupational, physical and speech-language therapies—train at the MCDD. Students and trainees gain practical skills and knowledge that inform their work about the needs, strengths and perspectives of people with disabilities across the lifespan. The pre-service program uses our core projects to provide a variety of mentored experiential and didactic activities.

## Discipline-Specific Internships

### Research and Policy

The MCDD works with universities and clinical departments to offer significant research and policy experiences as part of an overall pre-service preparation experience. The cornerstone of this effort is the work done through the Wendy Klag Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, including two funded internships in which interns work directly with the MCDD on research, evaluation and policy experiences.

### Disability Perspective Experience

Through training from the point of view of families and self-advocates, students have the unique opportunity to discover and develop sensitivities to the complexities and challenges facing people with disabilities on a daily basis.

### Discipline-Specific Placements

Professionals and students are invited to train with the MCDD in specific disciplines such as special education, law, mental health and community health.

### MCDD Teaching

MCDD staff members have faculty appointments at local universities and actively teach courses in disability rights advocacy, special education law, behavioral and mental health, qualitative research, and community and organizational practices. They also guest lecture on a variety of topics related to disability and health.



## Key Partners

The MCDD partners with many dedicated individuals and organizations that work together to advance training opportunities for students and professionals. Students and trainees come from Maryland and around the nation. Partners include:

- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Towson University
- University of Maryland School of Social Work
- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- University of Baltimore School of Law

## Contact Information

To request or sponsor any of our training sessions, please contact us by email at [Training.MCDD@KennedyKrieger.org](mailto:Training.MCDD@KennedyKrieger.org) or phone at 443-923-9555.

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Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?



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