2023 / 2024 Annual Report

About Us

Who We Are

The Partnership for People with Disabilities is an interdisciplinary center that supports people with disabilities and their families to be active members of their communities. The Partnership, part of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Education, is Virginia's only federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

What We Do

The Partnership responds to the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families across the lifespan, from newborns to older adults. Among our partners in creating inclusive communities are numerous disability service providers, early childhood providers, K-12 schools and school divisions, community colleges, universities, professional organizations, and State and local agencies. In FY2023, approximately all of our funding came from both federal sources and state agencies.

Who We Support

- People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Families
- Professionals and Providers

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Our Mission

To partner with People with Disabilities and others to build communities where all people can live, learn, work and play together.

Our Core Values

1. Collaboration, Partnership, Shared Leadership — interdisciplinary focus, inclusion

- 2. Individual Choice self-direction, self-determination, advocacy
- 3. Community Inclusions natural supports, accessible information and services
- 4. Equality and Justice diversity, fairness, access, cultural competence

Our Focus

- Community Living: Providing opportunities for people with disabilities, family members, and professionals to work together to enhance collaboration, learn from each other, and improve outcomes.
- Early Childhood: Supporting the development of infants and toddlers with developmental delays makes a difference in the lives of young children and their families.
- Education: Supporting the education of children and youth with disabilities so they receive the services and resources needed to excel in their homes, schools and communities.
- Health: Achieving and maintaining good health can enable people with disabilities to participate in education, productive work, recreation, and all aspects of community life.

Our Impact: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Funding & Awards

- 64 Grants/Contracts awarded
- Totaling \$18.25 million

Team Support

- 120 staff/faculty
- 26 trainees
- 60 volunteers

Technical Assistance

• 2,984 hours provided to schools and community/state organizations

Education & Training

- 20,000 trained
- 7,158 people in 91 continuing education programs
- 5,857 people in 117 community trainings
- Over 20,000 duplicates trained through UCEDD initiatives

Family & Individual Support

- 693 families received intensive support (48% culturally/linguistically diverse)
- 728 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities interviewed (Virginia's NCI-IDD)
- 342 families responded to the NCI-IDD family questionnaire
- 815 older adults and people with disabilities interviewed (Virginia's NCI-AD)

Committees & Engagement

- 130+ committees reached
- 2,000+ professionals and families

Publications & Products

- 45 new products developed (10,000+ copies distributed)
- 18 articles/book chapters published or in press