



REHABILITATION AND Disability STUDIES

The *Child & Family Development Center* is a bridge between UIC's faculty and students and the families of very young children with disabilities in Chicago. Serving approximately 240 children and families each year, the Center serves as a model of intervention that focuses applied research on building the capacity of caregivers through state-of-the-art early intervention services.

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"Our program is innovative. We empower parents and caregivers by working side-by-side in their own homes, teaching them how to incorporate interventions into everyday activities. The developmental progress of the children is our measure of success."

—Christine Salisbury, PhD, Professor of Special Education and Director of the UIC Child and Family Development Center

Accessing the World of Work

Survey of African Americans with disabilities to determine how personal factors and characteristics of the vocational rehabilitation service system interact to affect employment status.

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(see also Workforce Development)

ADA Training for Staff of the Illinois Employment Training Centers (IETC) in Chicago

Providing training and technical assistance to staff and partners within the One-Stop employment delivery systems funded through the Chicago Workforce Development Board regarding serving customers with disabilities. Training includes disability awareness, facility accessibility planning and effective communication.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

Chicago Workforce Development Board

City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for Workforce Development

Health and Disability Advocates

United States Department of Labor

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Advocacy and Empowerment for Minorities Program

Our purpose is to develop model programs that will address the needs of the growing African American and Latino disability communities within the Chicagoland area. Projects conducted in this program attempt to provide consumers and their families with empowering strategies for improving the quality of life and that of other members of their communities. Included in this program are four projects which are “Capacity Building for ADA Implementation,” “Disabling Bullet,” “Empowering Choices” & “Transitions,” and “Recruiting Mentors.”

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Aging and Disability Resource Center Evaluation

Provides technical assistance to the Illinois Department on Aging to develop and evaluate community centers which provide information and facilitate access to long-term care services for older adults and people with disabilities. Current demonstration sites are in Rockford, which has a concentration of African American and Hispanic families, and Decatur. We are also developing and providing resource materials on aging and disabilities for center dissemination to staff, families and consumers.

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UIC Applied Health Sciences

East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Illinois Department on Aging

Macon County (IL) Department of Public Health

Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging

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Assistive Technology Services to Consumers of the Illinois Department of Human Services—Division of Rehabilitation Services—Bureau of Home Services

Through the Assistive Technology Unit's grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services—Division of Rehabilitation Services—Bureau of Home Services, services are provided to adults utilizing Assistive Technology to maximize their independence at home.

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Assistive Technology Services to Consumers of the Illinois Department of Human Services—Division on Developmental Disabilities

Through the Assistive Technology Unit's grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services—Division of Developmental Disabilities, services are provided to adults trying to move out of developmental centers or nursing homes and into community-based living environments.

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Center on Capacity Building on Minorities with Disabilities Research

This is a national Center funded to promote organizational capacity among CBOs and vocational rehabilitation providers to better serve consumers with disabilities from minority groups. The Center also provides cultural competence training to interested agency staff.

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Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago/
Centers for Independent Living
Illinois Department of Human Services,
Department of Rehabilitation Services

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Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities

Examines the effects of exercise and health promotion on persons with stroke, diabetes, arthritis, spinal cord injury, and Down syndrome. The goal of the research is to reduce secondary conditions and improve health among these patients.

CHP operates through the Department of Disability and Human Development in the College of Applied Health Sciences.

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Dates Active:

1997–present

(see also *Health and Wellness*)

Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy

The Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy (MHSRP) engages in research, training, and technical assistance resulting in enhanced service delivery and increased knowledge about psychiatric disorders and mental health services. The MHSRP fully involves people with psychiatric disabilities, their families and friends, advocates, service providers, and other stakeholders in its research program, whereby they help to design, implement, and evaluate projects, as well as disseminate findings. These individuals also serve as designers and educators in the MHSRP's training program. The Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy promotes concepts of recovery, self-determination, and full community participation for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

The MHSRP's projects addressing psychiatric disabilities and rehabilitation focus on such areas as vocational, residential, and educational rehabilitation services; crisis management and prevention of hospitalization; the needs of women and people from diverse cultural backgrounds; and systems integration. The MHSRP also emphasizes the needs and experiences of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, including those who also have a mental illness. In addition, individual projects address treatment for homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities, as well as the experiences of family members and friends of people living with these disabilities.

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Chicago Center for Disability Research

The Chicago Center for Disability Research (CCDR) is a research unit established for the study of social, psychological, and educational issues relevant to the life experience of people with disabilities. CCDR staff is committed to making key information available and useful not only to the academic and professional sector but to all people with disabilities, their supporters, and advocacy groups.

CCDR uses a social model for exploring disability issues—one that views disability as coming from a wide-ranging relationship of individual and environmental influences. Projects are selected in response to needs expressed by people living with disabilities in the community and are supervised by researchers with direct disability experience. This contributes significantly to the creative energy and relevance of CCDR's work. It advances the principle of "self-determination for disabled people" to the world of research, education, and community service.

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(see also *Health and Wellness*)

Chicago Disability Arts and Culture Festival

Works to increase disability awareness, at all levels, by holding an arts and culture festival for two weeks in April 2006 (20th to the 30th) to promote the perspectives of disabled persons. Monthly meetings or more from a seed group that began three years ago. UIC works on the steering committee, the program committee and the access and arrangements committee. UIC has authored major documents including missions statements, explanatory pieces, and a new commitment to access guidelines being reviewed by different art consortiums in the city.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

Access Center

Art Institute of Chicago

Chicago Public Schools

City of Chicago, Mayor's Committee on Disability Issues

Chicago Cultural Center

Gallery 37

Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum

Museum of Contemporary Art

Progress Center for Independent Living

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

Snow City Arts Foundation

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(see also *Arts and Culture*)

Chicago Early Intervention Project

Improves child developmental outcomes by teaching low-income urban parents how to enhance available learning opportunities for their child with a disability.

Partners:

UIC Education

United States Department of Education

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Dates active:

2004–2007

(see also *Education Innovation*)

Chicagoland Provider Leadership Network

The CPLN is a collaboration of key stakeholders who enhance the employment of people with disabilities, the majority of which provide direct employment services. The mission of the CPLN is to establish partnerships with employers which result in people with disabilities successfully filling the employment needs of the Chicagoland labor market, and to enhance the provider's capacity to deliver services to their target markets.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
AbilityLinks, Chicago Lighthouse	Illinois Department of Human Services, Department of Rehabilitation Services
Chicago Workforce Development Board	Illinois Department of Labor
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	Jewish Vocational Service Chicago
City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Mayor's Office for Workforce Development	National Able Network
Community Support Services, Inc.	Partners for Inclusive Employment
EmployAlliance WSCCI	Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.	Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center
Guild for the Blind	United States Social Security Administration
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities	Victor C. Neumann Association

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Child & Family Development Center (CFDC)

CFDC provides citywide developmental and therapeutic intervention services to infants/toddlers with identified disabilities in their homes, at the Center, and in the community. CFDC uses family-centered practices with culturally responsive materials and strategies. CFDC also prepares professionals to support young children with special needs and their families, and conducts research on issues that affect the children and families served by the center.

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Dates Active:

1970—present

(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Populations*)

Choices in Transition Program

This is a model dissemination program funded by the US Department of Education intended to improve the transition outcomes of minority youth with disabilities graduating from inner city high schools. The program disseminates a transition curriculum to be implemented by teachers from the Chicago Public Schools. The curriculum prepares youth with disabilities for their transition from school to work or higher education.

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City Colleges of Chicago
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(see also *Education Innovation*)

College Connection for Career Development Opportunities

This is a model demonstration project funded by the US Department of Education intended to improve the transition outcomes of minority youth with disabilities graduating from inner city high schools. The program offers case management support and skills development. Youth are encouraged to attend college programs in the City Colleges of Chicago.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Science	Department of Rehabilitation Services
Chicago Public Schools	Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities
City Colleges of Chicago	United States Department of Education
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College Connection Project

The overall goal of the CC project is to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive model for increasing the number of individuals with disabilities from the CPS successfully attending and completing programs of higher education in the CCC. Pursuing venues of higher education will increase the likelihood that individuals with disabilities will seek out and obtain employment opportunities that develop into long lasting careers.

The primary target population to be served by this project are the ethnic minority individuals with disabilities (African American and/or Latinos) graduating from special education programs from CPS. Participants should express an interest in pursuing post-secondary education opportunities within the certification programs of the CCC campuses.

The project will consist of four phases that include evaluation of current practices, staff development, recruitment and direct services and follow-up monitoring.

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Dates Active:

2000–2005

(see also *Undergraduate Support*)

Commemoration Event for the Disabled Victims of Nazi Genocide

Featured film showing of *World Without Bodies* and presentations on the history of eugenics from forums across the community.

Partners:

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Cultural Frameworks for Disability Studies

Directs discussions and research into the political and social implications for disabled persons living across a range of social environments and settings. Beyond focusing on access, led a series of teach-ins on ideas about disability collectivities, interdependence, social and cultural events, and histories (including crossover histories with oppressive or colonial practices. Attended by a range of the national and international community and the local government and university officials where they plan to now begin setting up curriculum for disability studies in Perth on the models we shared from UIC.

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Disability as Art/Disability as Culture

An involved plan that educates local disability communities, many in the break-away republics of the former Soviet Union, in the mechanics and ideas of producing disability documentaries. Concludes every few years with an international competitive festival. Won awards for our low-budget, self-generated disability documentaries and attended with U.S. sponsorship twice in the last four years. Most recently in November 2004.

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City of Moscow (Russia) Mayor's Office
Rehabilitation Internationa
US Agency for International
Development (US AID)
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Disability Takes on the Arts

Video documentary that features Chicago arts, playwrights, comedians, artists, etc. Funded by Buddy Mayer Foundation and distributed by RIC. Won award in Moscow and set the stage for the Chicago Disability Arts Fest to occur by working as a promotional and outreach vessel. Featured showings in Chicago for invited guests and board members of the Museum of Contemporary Art, with an evening catered reception.

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Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
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Chicago Consortium of Disabled Artists
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
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Disabling Bullet Project

The Disabling Bullet is a four-year model demonstration project that addresses the need to reintegrate into the community an increasing population of individuals disabled as a result of violence.

The main goals of the Disabling Bullet Project are to: 1) develop a training manual for peer-mentors to assist African- American and Latino men with violently-acquired spinal cord injuries through the rehabilitation process; 2) implement the peer-mentor program in three rehabilitation hospitals; and 3) evaluate the effectiveness of this program.

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Dates Active:

May 1999–April 2003
(see also Violence Prevention)

Division of Specialized Service for Children (DSCC)

Established in 1937 and administered by the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Division of Specialized Services for Children (DSCC) is the Illinois Title V agency that provides care coordination for families and children with specialized healthcare needs. DSCC helps children with disabilities, and those who have conditions that may lead to disabilities, grow and develop to the full extent of their abilities. Over 20,000 families in all 102 counties in Illinois annually receive services from DSCC.

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Family Caregiver Support Project

Provides training and technical assistance to state and local aging and developmental disability agencies on joint outreach, planning, and service delivery to meet the needs of unserved and underserved older families caring for an adult relative with developmental disabilities. The project serves the Chicago metropolitan area, the state of Illinois, and is available to cities in other states.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
Arc of Illinois
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Chicago Department on Aging
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Illinois Office of Developmental
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2000–present
(see also Geriatric Empowerment)

Family Support 360 Project

The Institute on Disability and Human Development, in partnership with Community Support Services, will facilitate the development of a family-driven plan for a one-stop family support center in the predominately Hispanic neighborhoods of Berwyn and Cicero. Researchers anticipate that the finalized plan will lead to the implementation of the one-stop family support center.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	Illinois Department on Aging
Arc of Illinois	Latino Family Institute
Berwyn Township Mental Health Board	MacNeal Hospital
Cicero Township Mental Health Board	Office of State Senator Martin A. Sandoval
Community Support Services, Inc.	South Berwyn School District #100
Equip for Equality	Suburban Access, Inc.
Family Support Network of Illinois	United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities	
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Future Planning Training for Older Families and Their Adult Relative with a Developmental Disability

Training curriculum geared towards families and their adult relative with a disability. The curriculum focuses on making future residential, legal and financial plans and has been translated into Spanish. Training and technical assistance are provided to families and staff at the Chicago area community services agencies. The project also includes an evaluation of the training.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
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El Valor
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Illinois Department on Aging
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Illinois Direct Support Professional Workforce Development Initiative

This initiative will create the infrastructure necessary to increase the recruitment and retention of quality direct support professionals throughout the state.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	Illinois Health Care Association (IHCA)
AFSCME Council 31	Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL)
American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR), Illinois Chapter	Institute on Community Integration
Arc of Illinois	Little Friends, Inc.
ARC of Rock Island County	New Hope Center, Inc.
Clearbrook	Oak Leyden Developmental Services, Inc.
Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois	Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities
Community Support Services, Inc.	Seguin Services, Inc.
Cornerstone Services, Inc	Service Employee International Union (SEIU), Local 880
Family Support Network of Illinois	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale
Habilitative Systems, Inc.	SPARC, Inc.
Human Services Research Institute	State of Illinois, Office of the Governor
Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF)	United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois
Illinois Community College Board	United States Department of Labor
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities	Victor C. Neumann Association
Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Division of Rehabilitation Services	

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(see also *Workforce Development*)

Improving Health Experiences and Access to Health Services for Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Collaborative Chicago-area research and training project addressing health disparities and perceived health issues of women with developmental disabilities. Helps women with disabilities to understand and articulate their own health concerns, and trains local agency staff and health professionals to work with women with developmental disabilities in developing increased access to appropriate health services.

Partners:

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Chicago Arc
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(see also *Healthcare for At-Risk Population*)

Institute on Disability and Human Development

IDHD is the federally designated University Center for Excellence (UCE) in Developmental Disabilities for the state of Illinois. Its mission is to promote the independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society. The IDHD serves as a bridge between academia and the community of Americans with developmental disabilities.

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1999—present

Integrating Disability and the Arts

Walk-through advisory tours with staff, curators, and program directors on ways to make Chicago venues more accessible across a range of disabilities. Most recently, Museum of Contemporary Art in March 2005. Will also serve as panelists for upcoming integrated dance programs in April 2005.

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Legacies of the T-4 Program from the Perspective of Disability Studies

“Disability Studies and the Legacies of Eugenics” provided an opportunity for U.S. and Canadian disability studies scholars to understand the contemporary situation of disabled people in Germany today through an assessment of the historical facts surrounding the killing of more than 240,000 disabled people during World War II. To assess this legacy, the seminar contemplated the development of German Disability Studies and critiques of practices in modern day disability arenas such as education, medicine, rehabilitation, genetics, and bio-ethics. The program included visits to contemporary memorial sites, archives, and former T-4 locations. In addition to seminar sessions, four public lectures by contemporary scholars in German disability studies were offered as featured events. The lectures were all open to the public as a part of the Einstein Forum lecture series in Potsdam, Germany.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences

Bernburg Memorial Center

DAAD (Deutsch Akademischer Austausch Dienst)

Einstein Forum (Potsdam, Germany)

Hadamar Memorial Center

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Dates Active:

July 2004

Moving out of the Nursing Home and to the Community: Examining and Affecting Social Change

Develop, evaluate and disseminate a social action intervention to support disabled people as they transition out of nursing homes into long term community living and participation.

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UIC Applied Health Sciences
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
Progress Center for Independent Living
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Dates Active:

2001-2004

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

The mission of the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) is to promote the substantial health benefits that can be gained from participating in regular physical activity. The slogan of NCPAD is “Exercise is for EVERY body,” and EVERY person can gain some health benefit from being more physically active.

NCPAD operates out of the Department of Disability and Human Development in the College of Applied Health Sciences.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dates Active:

1999—present

(see also Health and Wellness)

Partners for Inclusive Employment

A coalition of various partners working to increase employment of people with disabilities through business, provider, and consumer partnerships.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences	EmployAlliance WSCCI
AbilityLinks	Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago	Illinois Department of Employment Security
Anixter Center	Illinois Department of Human Services
Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation	Illinois Employment and Training Centers (IETC)
Chicago Lighthouse	Jewish Vocational Service Chicago
City of Chicago, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, Mayor’s Office for Workforce Development	South Austin Coalition Community Council
Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois	United States Social Security Administration
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Praxis: Participatory Action Research with the Disability Community to Address Inequities in Community Living and Participation Opportunities in the Urban Community

The aims of the project are to: 1) define and examine the needs, issues and barriers to community living and participation with people with disabilities within the urban community, specifically targeting accessible and affordable housing, community development, and social capital building, 2) utilize participatory action research to provide pilot data to apply for extramural, collaborative research and funding, 3) establish an accessible website on housing to share resources and evidence, and 3) begin to model demonstration projects related to age-friendly and access ready community development.

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UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing (DRACH)
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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Dates Active:

2004—present

Regional Transportation Authority Technical Assistance

UTC is to provide technical assistance to the RTA for three specific tasks. Under Task 1, the RTA Strategic Plan Assessment and Gap Analysis, UIC transportation planning staff will work with RTA staff and consultants to assess the RTA Regional Transportation Plan. Assistance will be provided regarding technical, planning, and outreach gaps in the strategic plan on an as-needed basis. Under Task 2, Paratransit Assessment, UIC personnel will provide support to RTA staff regarding the new paratransit operations in Pace and advise regarding possible evaluation and impact assessment. The goal of the project is to undertake a survey of the disabled community in order to obtain their input into issues affecting service design that will be used by RTA to assist in the development of a comprehensive Service Development Plan for persons with disabilities. Task 3 is an evaluation of RTAP, which was created with the purpose of assisting local governments, municipalities, and Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) with planning, technical assistance, and consultation to meet local needs. The purpose of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Local Planning sub-program of RTAP by focusing on station area plans and local transit improvement projects. The benefits and outcomes of these different types of projects, as well as the performance metrics on which outcomes should be evaluated, are likely to be very different for the different projects.

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Dates Active:

June 2008

(see also Transportation Innovations, Urban Infrastructure Improvement)

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities

Works closely with local community agencies in conducting training, technical assistance and intervention research; focus is on promoting the health of adults with developmental disabilities and providing support and training to the families.

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Dates active:

1998—present
(see also *Geriatric Empowerment*)

Special Teachers and Exceptional Pupils=Urban Promise (STEP=UP)

Special Teachers and Exceptional Pupils Equals Urban Promise is a grant program that supports preparation of highly qualified special education teachers to work with linguistically and culturally diverse urban students with disabilities. This program prepares candidates for Learning Behavior Specialist certification.

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Dates active:

2006—2009
(see also *Education Innovation*)

Youth Leadership Development Project

Provides a comprehensive social skills component for ethnic high school students with disabilities that leads into leadership development.

Partners:

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