

Annual Report 2020-2021

INSTITUTE ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Puerto Rico University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (PR-UCEDD)





Message from the Director

The year 2020-2021 presented us with the opportunity to continue the post-pandemic recovery process from the challenges faced by our Island (Puerto Rico) as well as the university educational scene. However, during this time, the Institute for Developmental Disabilities, as the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, directed its efforts to bolster all its resources, talent and services to continue serving the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Island. This report includes our activities during the fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This last year was very intense and represented another year of collaboration and changes made with the commitment of creating a future of possibilities for people with disabilities. The PR-UCEDD staff and faculty will continue focusing their efforts, through teamwork, and collaboration with agencies and organizations, on the wellbeing of people with disabilities as well as achieving our mission and goals. Our commitment guides us to continuously search for opportunities that result in the development of new initiatives and projects that benefit the population with developmental disabilities. We appreciate the trust you have placed on us as well as your collaboration, and reiterate our commitment with furthering our efforts throughout this year!

Thank you!

Dr. Carol Salas Pagán
Director



MISSION

To enhance the quality of life and full participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Puerto Rico and other regions, through their life span in community activities, valuing their diverse lifestyles and cultural and ethnic background.



The PR-UCEDD in numbers

This report describes the progress of the PR-UCEDD activities during fiscal year 2020-2021. During this period, the PR-UCEDD faculty and staff participated, promoted and/or collaborated in the following activities:

Provided training to students of several disciplines including Social Work, Education, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Pathology:

24

graduate students
300 contact hours or more

12

graduate students
less than 300 contact hours



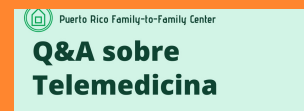
Training to professionals and Technical Assistance

- To 455 professionals with Continuing Education credits to increase their knowledge about topics related to the population with developmental disabilities, violence prevention and long term care.
- To 235 professionals about aspects related to infant care, daycare and pre-school care.
- Community training activities were offered on topics related to developmental disabilities to 800 participants, including healthcare professionals, attorneys, judges, emergency managers, public policy makers, students, people with IDD and family members.
- 360 hours of technical assistance to agencies and community organizations



Dissemination of Information

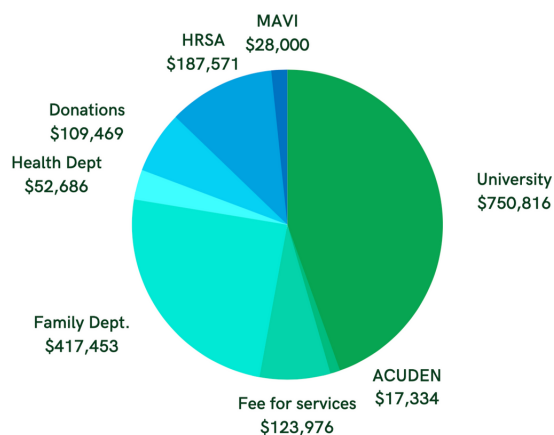
- 1,961 brochures on DD-related topics were distributed.
- 592 informative capsules/educational material about COVID-19 and training promotions through the Facebook page were published for a total of 3,346 products.
- The page information and content obtained a 97% satisfaction rate





Highlights

- The UPR Pre-School Development Center (CDP, for its Spanish acronym) and the Child Development Center continued offering services, as interdisciplinary practice laboratories; and implementing an inclusion model in early intervention with a family centered model of service; its services were evaluated with 90.5% and 100% satisfaction respectively.
- The Puerto Rico Family to Family Center continued offering services by providing peer-to-peer support to more than 200 families and training over 1,900 professionals, families and people with disabilities.
- The PR-UCEDD received funds through the AUCD and ACL to work in promoting accessibility to COVID vaccination for people with DID.
- An accessible COVID vaccination event was organized for people with disabilities sponsored by the MSC Vaccination Clinic.



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