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CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES

2020-2021  
Annual  
Report

# Building A Strong Network

# AUCD

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

# CEd

**Education**

**Research**

**Service**

**Dissemination**



People with  
Disabilities



Professionals



Community



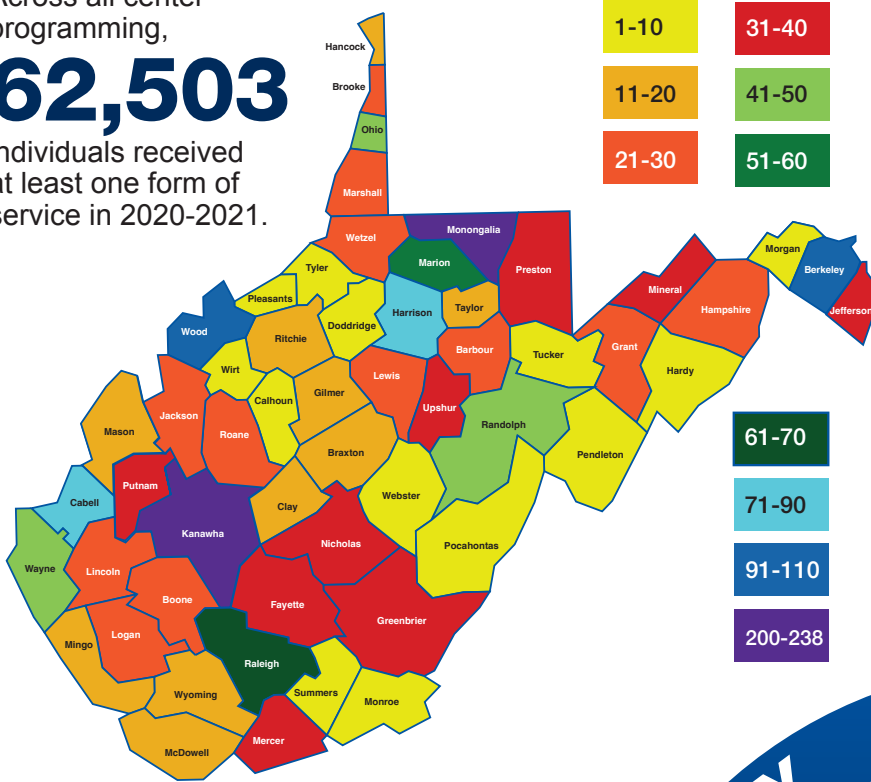
Policy  
Makers

The WVU CEd is a part of a 62-site national AUCD network that works in collaboration with national, state, and local partners to support people with disabilities through **EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SERVICE AND DISSEMINATION.**

# Service to Our State

Service to West Virginia (WV) is key to our mission at the WVU CED. We recognize that front line, local organizations contribute to the network of direct services to clients, so we work hard to build their capacity, coordinate efforts, reduce duplication, and to provide the best evidence-based services and supports to West Virginians with disabilities and their families. The WVU CED established four areas of emphasis to base their work over the past five years. Those areas include: access to quality health care, employment, health and wellness, and transitions.

Across all center programming,  
**62,503**  
 individuals received at least one form of service in 2020-2021.



The map of CED services (see left) illustrates the number of services each county received in the past year. Every county in WV received one or more service during the year. Counties with the darker shades such as Monongalia, Kanawha, Wood and Harrison received the most services. This is perhaps related to the proximity to our WVU CED larger offices. The majority of counties received between 21 to 50 programs/services annually. This year the CED increased activities/information dissemination services to 11 counties and increased overall service count in four counties (Doddridge, Gilmer, Roane and Upshur). Select counties (in yellow) received between 1 and 10 programs. This highlights the need for us to set goals to increase the number and type of programs in those areas in the coming year. Not pictured are the 84 services that took place out of state.

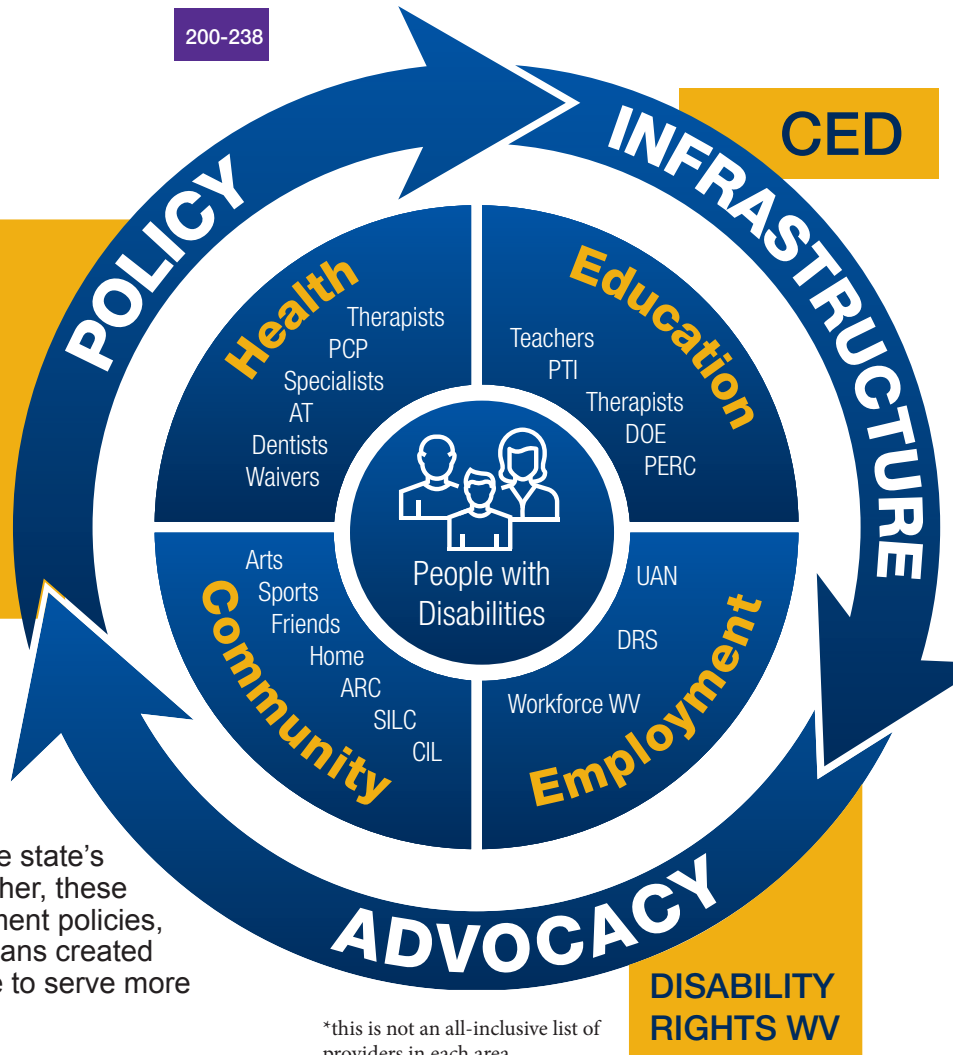
## WV DD Network

In every state and territory, programs authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to help shape policies that impact them. DD Act programs conduct important research and test innovative new service delivery models. They work to bring the latest knowledge and resources to those who can put it to the best use, including self-advocates, families, service providers, and policymakers.

The CED, the WV Developmental Disabilities Council and Disability Rights WV represent the state's Developmental Disability (DD) Network. Together, these agencies help the state to develop and implement policies, infrastructure and advocacy efforts to follow plans created by the DD Act. This strong DD Network is able to serve more people collectively.

## WV DDC

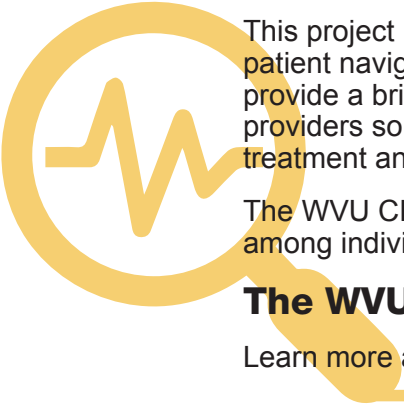
West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council



\*this is not an all-inclusive list of providers in each area

# Core Function Highlights:

## **RESEARCH:** *Accountable Health Community (AHC) Project*



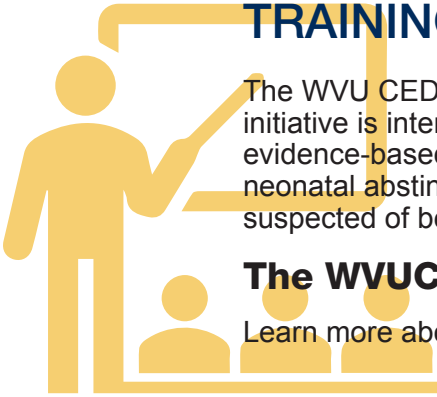
This project is a CMS-funded randomized controlled trial to examine the benefits of providing patient navigation services to address social service needs. The purpose of the initiative is to provide a bridge of coordinated care that would link individuals' medical homes with social service providers so that their social service needs are resolved, and they are able to respond to medical treatment and advice.

The WVU CED is coordinating these services using completed assessments of social service needs among individuals seeking medical treatment within the Partners in Health medical clinics.

### **The WVUCED Conducted 39 research activities**

Learn more about research initiatives at [research.cedwvu.org/](https://research.cedwvu.org/)

## **TRAINING:** *Project SCOPE: Supporting Children of the Opioid Epidemic (SCOPE)*




The WVU CED was awarded a national training grant to implement Project SCOPE. This training initiative is intended to identify and train practitioners in current and emerging knowledge and evidence-based promising practices in screening, monitoring, and care for children diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) or neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome (NOWS), or who are suspected of being impacted by opioid use and related trauma exposure.

### **The WVUCED Conducted 246 trainings, with 9,846 participants**

Learn more about education and training at [cedwvu.org/education/](https://cedwvu.org/education/)


## **DISSEMINATION:** *Team WV PPE Project*



During the COVID-19 shut down, the WVU CED secured additional funding from Team for West Virginia's Children to distribute PPE, educational materials about COVID-19 and vaccine information. The project partnered with the West Virginia Alliance of Family Resource Networks, Community Action Agencies and other individual community agencies to distribute 500+ PPE Kits to families who have individuals with a disability and at least one child in the home. The kits included easy to read educational materials about the importance of wearing a mask and social distancing and recipients were encouraged to participate in the social media campaign #CEDMaskChallenge to share their selfies wearing a mask.

### **The WVUCED Shared 35, 453 resource materials to 547, 832 people**

## **DIRECT SERVICES:** *Expanded Service Delivery*



LEND Director, Dr. Maggie Jaynes, led telehealth implementation at the CED and WVU Medicine Children's Pediatric Subspecialty and Telehealth Clinic. Go Baby Go partnership gave 5 cars to children at no cost. Pay It Forward provided long-term loans of pediatric equipment to qualifying families.

### **The WVUCED Worked directly with 7,572 clients**

# Program Spotlight:



**WVU CED Launches Country Roads College Program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**  
[www.countryroads.cedwvu.org](http://www.countryroads.cedwvu.org)

The Country Roads Program first launched last year virtually and this fall welcomed six new students to campus. The program includes a two-year core track focused on independent-living skills and workforce preparedness, plus the option of an advanced track for an additional two years. In the first year, students live in an on-campus dorm, participate in social activities across campus, and gain academic and career preparation

## Focus Areas:

**Occupational Preparation,  
Independent Living Skills,  
Social Interaction**

## Program Tracks

### 2 YEAR TRACK

Employment  
Advancement

Workforce  
Certifications

Core CR Courses

On-and-off-  
Campus  
Employment  
Training

On-Campus  
and Off-  
Campus  
Daily Living  
Opportunities

Course Enrollment for  
Certificate or Major

Continued  
Workforce  
Certifications

Off-Campus  
Employment

Sustained Daily  
Living Focus

### 4 YEAR TRACK

Education Advancement

This document provides an overview of the WVU CED's accomplishments in 2020-2021 within those select areas. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Lesley Cottrell at [lcottrell@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:lcottrell@hsc.wvu.edu).