



ADMINISTRATION ON  
INTELLECTUAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES



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## Fact Sheet: AIDD Programs

AIDD provides financial and leadership support to organizations in every state and territory in the United States to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can fully participate in and contribute to all aspects of community life. AIDD oversees four grant programs established by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, oversees the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, and administers the disability provisions of the Help America Vote Act. In each state or territory, the four grant programs form a developmental disabilities network, or DD Network.

### *State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils)*

Councils are self-governing organizations charged with identifying the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their state or territory. The 56 Councils are committed to advancing public policy and systems change that help these individuals gain more control over their lives.

### *Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As)*

P&As work at the state level to protect individuals with developmental disabilities by empowering them and advocating on their behalf. There are 57 P&As in the United States and its territories, and each is independent of service-providing agencies within its state.

### *University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs)*

The 68 UCEDDs are a national network of independent but interlinked centers that serve as liaisons between academia and the community. UCEDDs receive a discretionary grant that is awarded to interdisciplinary education, research, and public service units of universities, or public or nonprofit entities associated with universities.

### *Projects of National Significance (PNS)*

Through the 41 PNS grants that focus on the most pressing issues for people with developmental disabilities and their families, AIDD supports policy development and awards funding that enhance the independence, productivity, inclusion, and integration of these individuals.

### *President's Committee on People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)*

PCPID provides advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that affect people with intellectual disabilities.

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### *Related Programs: Help America Vote Act (HAVA)*

HAVA programs are designed to establish and improve participation in the election process for individuals with the full range of disabilities. Funding is awarded to eligible P&As as well as entities providing training and technical assistance to P&As.