Oregon Health & Science University
Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

2026 Year in Review

The OHSU UCEDD's purpose is to promote health and quality of life for Oregonians with disabilities and their families across the lifespan. We accomplish this through leadership and collaboration with local, state, and national partners, serving as a resource for excellence in education, research and evaluation, community outreach, service, and information sharing.

Here are some examples of impact and outcomes in our core areas of work from fiscal year 2026:

Education

Prepared future professionals through interdisciplinary training and mentorship to better support people with disabilities

Examples outcomes:

Physician Associate Program Training

Presented a Medical School panel with people with disabilities and family members and hosted scenario-based learning for the Physician Associate school with roles played by individuals with lived experience

Mental Health Provider Training Series

Launched a two-part Mental Health Provider Training on working with individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities to enhance access to effective mental health treatment

Overall impact:



- 83 trainees mentored
- 197 students trained
- 690 continuing education participants

Community Service

Partnered with communities to advance accessibility, disability inclusion, and independence.

Examples outcomes:

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

Partnered with Elevatus Training to deliver training on teaching consent to students with IDD through the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

Virtual Caregiver Trainings

Provided virtual caregiver trainings in partnership with Family-to-Family and IDD Autism Program including "Why did my child do that?! Understanding behavior one step at a time"

Overall impact:



- 997 hours of technical assistance
- 362 participants
- 23 trainings

Research and Evaluation

Conducted community-engaged research to improve health, communication access, and quality of life.

Examples outcomes:

AAC Peer Support Project

Lead a national initiative with AAC users, families, and providers to expand access to AAC peer support and build a sustainable support network.

Oregon Workforce Report

Produced Oregon's state of the Workforce Report to provide data that informs statewide workforce planning and strengthens the direct support professional workforce

Overall impact:



- 17 peer-reviewed publications
- 31 conference presentations

Information Sharing

Promoted access to information for whole-person health, including accessible, plain-language resources.

Examples outcomes:

Emergency Preparedness Video Series

Created an emergency preparedness video series based on the Ready Now! Emergency Preparedness Tool Kit for people with disabilities

Taking Charge of My Healthcare Toolkit

Translated 11 modules of the Taking Charge of My Health Care Toolkit to Spanish working with community members with disabilities to ensure appropriate cultural adaptation

Overall impact:

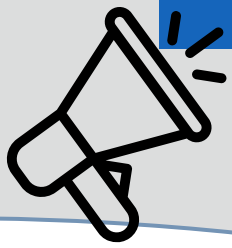


- 43 plain language products
- 5 community resource navigation guides

Overall a Sound Investment

ROI: **$14** New for every **$1** Federal funds

FY 2026



Annual UCEDD support:

$620,675

Leveraged into:

$9.42 million