



SSA/AUCD: A National Collaboration



ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS ON DISABILITIES

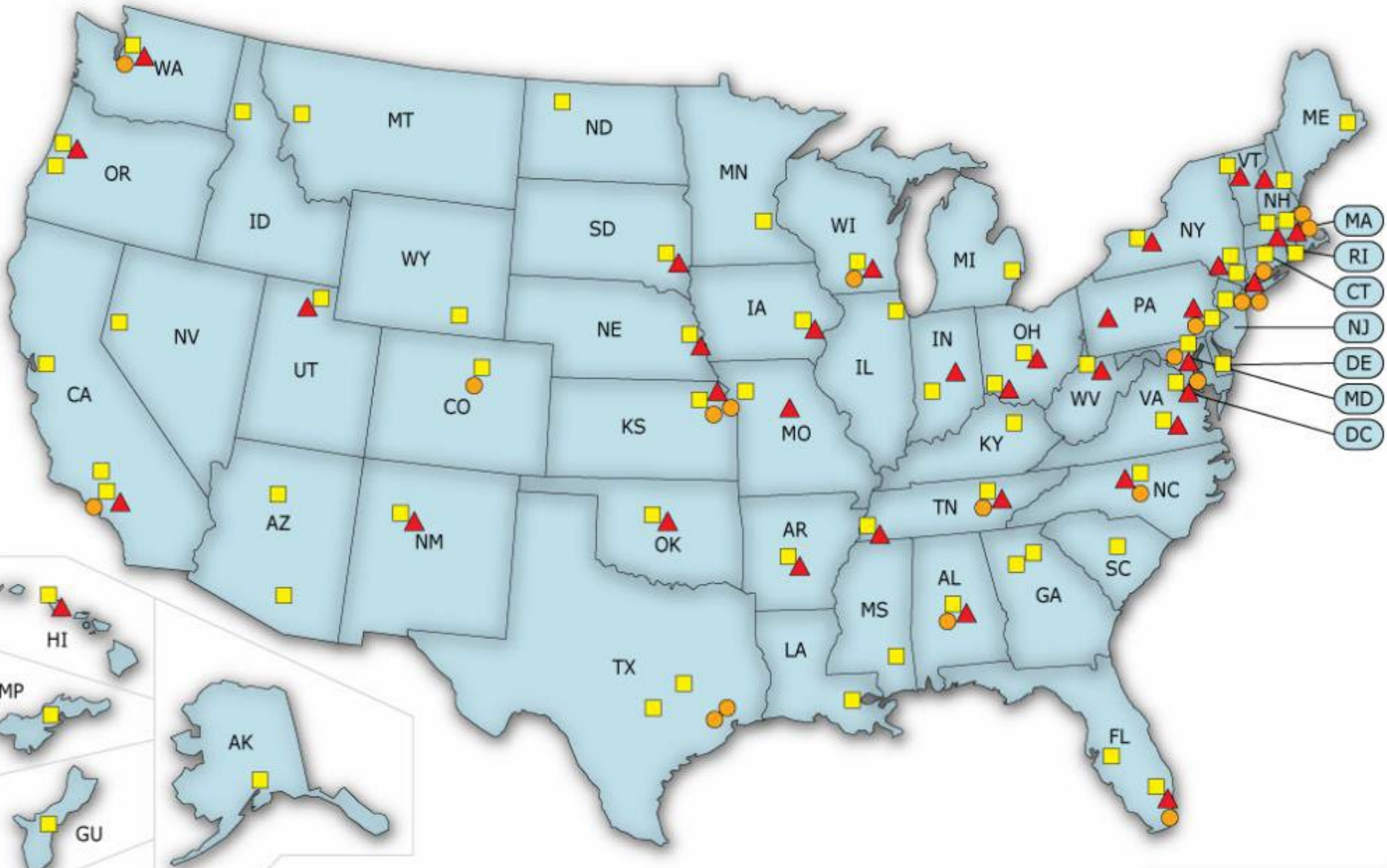
RESEARCH, EDUCATION, SERVICE





What is AUCD?

- National network interdisciplinary centers at major universities
- Developmental, intellectual & other related disabilities
- Mission
 - Training
 - Research
 - Diagnostic & assessment services



- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
- ▲ Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
- Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (DDRC)





Beginning of Collaboration

- Interdisciplinary, specialized pediatric & disability expertise
- Comprehensive developmental view
- Family-centered
- Part of community service systems
- National network



SSA & AUCD: 1999-2005

- Interdisciplinary assessments
- Adjudicator training
- Adjudicator reference materials
- State collaborations



Participants: 1999-2005

- 40 Centers
- 30 DDS offices
- Central & Regional SSA Offices
- Overall Coordination by AUCD



Interdisciplinary Participants

- Pediatrics
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Audiology
- Nutrition
- Psychology
- Speech & Language
- OT
- PT
- Genetics



Major Findings: Clinical Reviews & Assessments

- Highlighted language impairments
- Added adaptive functioning evidence
- Identified mental health & behavioral issues
- Provided interdisciplinary reports
- Identified policy/procedural changes



SSA & AUCD: Current Initiative

**PEDIATRIC MEDICAL UNIT
(PMU)**



PMU Goals

- Help adjudicators make decisions as early as possible in the process
- Improve timeliness & efficiency of childhood determinations
- Validate case characteristics that most benefit from PMU assistance



PMU Design

- 5 year contract, up to 16 locations
- Test prototypes, began 2006
 - State/regional
 - Cases on appeal
- Revise prototypes, as needed



PMU Locations: Year 1

- Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities, U of Tennessee Health Science Center - Memphis, TN
- Center for Disabilities and Development, University Center for Excellence on Disabilities, U of Iowa - Iowa City, IA
- Center on Human Development and Disability, U of Washington LEND Program, - Seattle, WA
- Institute for Community Inclusion, Children's Hospital, U of Massachusetts - Boston, MA



PMU Locations: Year 2

- JFK Partners, U of Colorado Health Sciences Center - Denver CO
- Mailman Center for Child Development, U of Miami Miller School of Medicine - Miami, FL
- Nisonger Center, Ohio State University - Columbus, OH
- University of Illinois UCE - Chicago, IL



Initial Data

University of Tennessee
Boling Center for
Developmental Disabilities
PMU

9/1/06 – 4/1/07



PMU Assistance: Initial Claims

Primary Activity: Record reviews

Secondary Activities

- Quick case consultations
- Targeted clinical assessments



Team Composition

- Developmental Pediatrics (2)
- Psychology (3)
- Social Work
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Administrative Assistant



Interdisciplinary Reports

- Synthesize file evidence
- Describe impact of impairments, especially functional limitations
- Resolve inconsistencies/contradictions
- Recommend additional evidence, if needed



Web Site for Case Data Slides

- Go to www.aucd.org
- Click “Current Initiatives” at top of home page
- Select “Children’s SSI Initiative” & click on “NOSSCR Presentation, 4/20/07”



Record Reviews (N=259)

Nature of Allegation (s) - not mutually exclusive:

- 151 Behavioral
- 70 Learning/Language (not speech) Disorder
- 10 Mental Retardation/Borderline IQ
- 1 Motor Disorder
- 79 Psychiatric/Other Mental Disorder
- 48 Speech Disorder
- 49 Other Medical Problems



Record Reviews: Age & Gender

- Mean Age = 8.9 years
- 72.2% Male
- 27.8% Female



Record Reviews: Staff

Staff assigned for review

- 61.4% Psychology
- 22.0% Pediatrics
- 10.0% Speech-Language Pathology
- 3.1% Occupational Therapy
- 3.1% Social Work



Team Consultations

Interdisciplinary consultation provided among PMU team (53 of 259):

- 60.4% Psychology
- 15.1% Speech-Language Pathology
- 5.7% Pediatrics
- 1.9% Social Work



Probable Diagnoses

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (44.0%)
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder (18.9%)
- Mental Retardation / Borderline IQ (26.6%)
- Communication Disorders (25.5%)
- Learning Disabilities (16.2%)
- Mood Disorders (12.0%)
- Neurodevelopmental & Medical (8.5%)



Probable Diagnoses (cont)

- Global Developmental Delay (7.7%)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (6.9%)
- Anxiety Disorders (3.9%)
- Adjustment Disorders (3.1%)
- Psychotic / Thought Disorders (1.5%)



PMU Turnaround Time

- Average work days: case referral - PMU file download = 0
- Average work days: file download - assign PMU clinician = 0
- Average work days: assign file - complete review = 2.3
- Average work days: referral - return report = 2.3



SSA & AUCD Collaboration

- Build national network pediatric experts to assist state & federal adjudicators
- Test prototypes: state, regional, appeals
- Test electronic exchange of medical records & expert opinions



QUESTIONS

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