

**UCEDD DIRECTORS
TA INSTITUTE 2024**
THE GRADUATE HOTEL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Monday, August 12th

7:30am to 8:30am

Check-In & Breakfast

Check-In & Breakfast Location: Pinnacle Foyer

9:00am to 9:30am

**Welcome from the Minnesota UCEDD and the
UCEDD Resource Center**

*Amy Hewitt, Director, Institute on Community
Integration, University of Minnesota*

*Danielle Webber, Director, Community Inclusion –
UCEDD Resource Center, Association of University
Centers on Disabilities*

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

9:30-10:30am

**A Word from the Association and the
Administration**

John Tschida, Executive Director, Association of



University Centers on Disabilities

*Jennifer Johnson, Acting Commissioner,
Administration on Disabilities, Administration for
Community Living (ACL)*

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

**10:30am to 11:30am External Collaboration Best Practices: DD
Network Partnerships**

*Moderator: Rhonda Eppelsheimer, Director,
Oregon Health & Science University UCEDD*

Panelists:

*Eileen Babauta, Director, Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands UCEDD*

Sarah O'Kelley, Director, Alabama UCEDD

David Rotholz, Director, South Carolina UCEDD

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

**11:30am to 12:00pm Table Talks – DD Network Collaboration and
Partnership Best Practices**

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

12:00pm to 1:00pm Lunch



Location: Pinnacle Foyer

1:00pm to 2:00pm **Updates from the UCEDD Resource Center**

Chase Mulvaney, Program Manager, AUCD

Brandon Lewis, Program Manager, AUCD

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

2:00pm to 3:00pm **Navigating Higher Education and University
Contexts**

Moderator: Derrick Willis, Iowa UCEDD Director

Panelists:

George Gotto, Missouri UCEDD Director

LeAnn DeWalt, Wisconsin UCEDD Director

Cindy Thomas, UMass Boston, Massachusetts

UCEDD Director

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

3:00pm to 3:30pm **Table Talks on Navigating University Contexts**

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

3:30pm to 4:30pm **State Partners Panel**

Moderator: Ilka Riddle, Director, Cincinnati

Children's UCEDD



Panelists:

Johnny Collett, Deputy Director, Kentucky UCEDD

*Marc Tasse, Director, Ohio State Nisonger Center
UCEDD*

Pablo Juarez, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

Tennessee UCEDD

*Jacy Farkas, Director, Arizona Sonoran Center
UCEDD*

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

4:30pm to 5:00pm

Reflection and Day 1 Wrap-Up

*Rodney Samaco, Chief Business & Strategy
Development Officer, AUCD*

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

Tuesday, August 13th

7:30am to 8:30am

Breakfast

Location: Pinnacle Foyer

9:00am to 9:30am

Welcome Back – Day 2 Overview

*Danielle Webber, Director, Community Inclusion –
UCEDD Resource Center, Association of University
Centers on Disabilities*

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

9:30am to 10:45am

**The Work of the Institute on Community
Integration, Minnesota’s UCEDD**

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

11:00am to 12:00pm

Facilitated Breakout Discussions

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

12:00pm to 12:30pm

Closing

Location: Pinnacle Ballroom

12:30 to 1:30pm

Grab & Go Lunch Available

Location: Pinnacle Foyer

1:00pm to 2:30pm

Regional Meetings (optional)

Location: Various



Please join us for:

Networking Event

Optional Networking Hour with MNLEND and Regional Partners

4:30pm-6:30pm

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