

**CENTER ON DISABILITY STUDIES  
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

**UNIVERSITY**  
University Coordinating Council

**COMMUNITY**  
Community Advisory Council

“To promote diverse abilities across the lifespan through interdisciplinary training, research, & service”

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Collaborative
- Community Responsiveness
- Diversity
- Family Involvement
- Inclusion
- Interdisciplinary Teaming
- Self-determination
- Systems Improvement

**CORE FUNCTIONS**

- Interdisciplinary Training
- Community Training and Outreach
- Research and Evaluation
- Dissemination

**FAMILY-CONSUMER INITIATIVES**

- Transition
- Postsecondary Education
- Employment
- Mental Health
- Chronic Health Issues
- Cultural and Linguistic Diversity
- School and Community
- Children with Special Health Needs

**PARTNERSHIPS  
WITH UNIVERSITY**

- Disciplines
- Departments, Schools, Colleges
- Community Colleges
- Special Projects

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH  
COMMUNITY**

- State Departments
- DD Council, Protection and Advocacy
- Family/ Advocacy Groups
- Organizations and Hospitals

**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Federal Departments
- International Universities
- International Organizations
- Pacific Outreach
- NGOs (Non Government Agencies)

**OUTCOMES & IMPACTS**

- Improved Systems and Communities
- Improved Services and Supports
- Improved Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities/Diverse Abilities and their Families