Pacific Basin University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities: American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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Core Functions

• Technical Assistance – Grant writing, faculty development, research/evaluation workshops, Special Olympics accreditation process

• Information Dissemination – Participation at local events, publications (e.g., brochures, newsletters, and local news articles)

• Interdisciplinary Pre-Service Preparation – Courses for specific majors

• Research – AS Self-Determination Study; CNMI AT Program Evaluation
Partners

• Center on Disability Studies

• AS and CNMI Local Protection and Advocacy Agencies

• AS and CNMI Local Council on Developmental Disabilities
Examples of Activities to Date

• Capacity Building – Summer course certifications; partner trainings; autism training;

• Systemic Change – Professional development; student services dept. trainings;

• Advocacy – Parent workshops; IWDD leadership training; joint trainings with local agencies