Introduction
The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) is an Organized Research Unit recognized by the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents responsible for the following:

- Providing interdisciplinary personnel preparation
- Conducting community training and outreach
- Initiating research, demonstration, and evaluation projects
- Disseminating information on evidence-based practices
- Serving the university and community to improve the quality of services provided to persons with disabilities

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“The mission of the CDS is to promote diverse abilities across the lifespan through interdisciplinary training, research, and service.”
CDS Guiding Principles

• Advocate for Self-Determination
• Build Capacity
• Change Systems
• Create Partnerships
• Celebrate Diversity
• Champion Inclusion
• Empower Abilities
• Nurture Collaboration
• Promote Learning
• Support Families

Emphasis Areas

• Arts and Recreation
• Community Living
• Early Intervention
• Education
• Employment
• Mental Health
• Postsecondary Education
• Special Health Needs
• Transition

Funding Sources

To accomplish its mission, the CDS has grants and contracts from major federal agencies, state agencies, foundations, and international organizations.

Every $1 of core funding is leveraged to produce $13.00 dollars in grants and contract awards.

Data based on 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Partnerships

The CDS receives core funding from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), using those funds to leverage additional funding from additional sources.

Tri-Agency Partnerships

In addition to the CDS, the AIDD funds two other agencies in Hawai‘i that work in close partnership to complement the work done by CDS on behalf of persons with disabilities.

• Hawai‘i State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Works in the area of System Advocacy and Policy Development
• Hawai‘i Disability Rights Center: Provides Protection and Individual Advocacy

CDS Advisory Councils

• The Community Advisory Council: Provides the voice of consumers to advise the CDS on its priorities and activities
• The University Coordinating Council: Provides the voice of faculty across the UH System to guide interdisciplinary education and training activities

Activities

Our funding portfolio reflects our efforts in evaluation, international outreach, instruction and training, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and accessibility. These are a few of our greatest accomplishments in FY 2017-2018:

• CDS benefitted from $8 million in federal grants and state contracts.
• CDS initiated or continued 42 projects on diverse topics here and in the wider Pacific Basin.

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity

Pac Rim has evolved into an international conference that both shares the disability experience and celebrates diversity and disability in varied contexts. Annually we have had hundreds of presenters and attendees from across Hawai‘i, the nation and the globe. Learn more about the conference here: http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu.

CDS Certificate Program

The Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability and Diversity Studies (DDS) is a 15-credit graduate level (master’s, doctoral, and post-doctoral) program sponsored by the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) in the College of Education. Learn more about the certificate program here: http://www.cds.hawaii.edu/main/certificates/.

Review of Disability Studies Journal

The Review of Disability Studies (RDS) journal contains research articles, essays, and bibliographies relating to the culture of disability and people with disabilities. Learn more about the RDS journal here: http://www.rds.hawaii.edu.