

UCCEDD ANNUAL REPORT

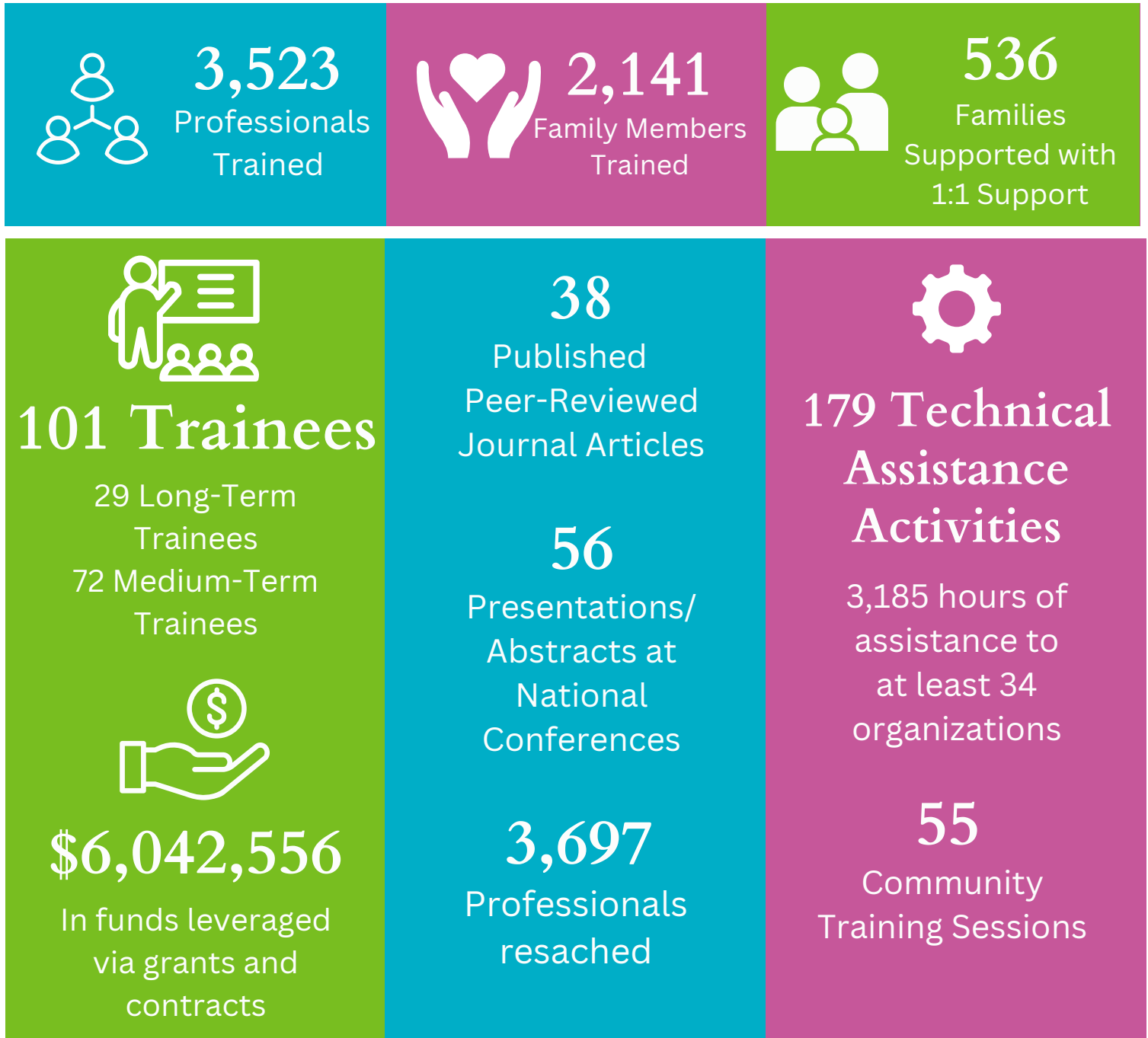
FY 2023- 2024



This summary report for the University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD) encompasses our work over the past year. Our commitment to research, comprehensive education, service, and information distribution has furthered our goal of supporting and uplifting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. In this concise yet comprehensive report, we offer a snapshot of the pivotal strides we've made.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

THE FOLLOWING GRAPH PROVIDES A SNAPSHOT OF THE UCCEDD'S IMPACT ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FAMILIES, SELF ADVOCATES, TRAINEES, AND PROFESSIONALS THE PAST YEAR,



HIGHLIGHTING THE POWERFUL OUTCOMES OF OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS

LEND EDUCATION:

“The highlight of my LEND journey was how much it made me reflect on my own biases and overcome them. This experience has changed the way I think about disability and has helped me become conscious of the terms I use to refer to disability. LEND has helped me evolve as a person!” - **LEND Trainee**

1:1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

“I honestly do not know what I would have done without Family 2 Family and the help I have received from Amy Clawson! F2F and the connections they have to state agencies are crucial to making things better for families of people with disabilities. Amy has helped form collaborations between families and DODD, Medicaid and others that have significantly impacted us for the better. Helping me and others to learn the best way to communicate with legislators resulted in big changes enacted to benefit many.”

- **Feedback in Response to 1:1 Support**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

“Our agency will share this information with the people we support as well as their teams and caregivers to be sure everyone is on the same page with expectations related to emergency planning and keeping folks safe” - **Feedback in Response to Community Education Training Sessions**

TOGETHER THROUGH THE YEAR: OUR TEAM IN ACTION



These images highlight our UCCEDD team doing what they do best—outreach, education, and community efforts. The photos on this page capture just a few of the moments that reflect our dedication, collaboration, and passion for the work we do. From statewide outreach initiatives to local partnerships, our team has been committed to creating lasting impact across Ohio for individuals with disabilities and their families. Captured here are images from our staff meetings, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Rare Disease Day, the AUCD conference, community trainings for law enforcement officers, and disability events at the Ohio Statehouse.



A GLIMPSE OF OUR IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK



The Community Life Guide will help you learn how to be your best and how to stay safe while you work, live, and explore your community.

COMMUNITY LIFE GUIDE:

In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), the UCCEDD contributed to new healthcare modules on the Community Life Guide website. The Community Life Guide features a variety of resources including employment, safety, finance, and moving to adult health care to ensure everyone can be their best self. The UCCEDD was one of many contributors to this state-wide project. [Link to guide here.](#)

NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISABILITY, EQUITY, AND INTERSECTIONALITY

UCCEDD Associate Director, Dr. Kara Ayers and team member Leah Smith are founding members of the National Center for Disability, Equity, and Intersectionality. The Center's goal is to lead the nation's charge to identify and reduce life-limiting inequities in healthcare, community living, and justice for people with disabilities. [Link to website here.](#)

