

## UCCEDD/LEND NEWSLETTER

### Fall 2020

#### Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Spotlight



Photo caption: Krushawna and one of her children

Krushawna is a mother of five and is involved in the Autism and We support group at CCHMC. Her experience with Charting the LifeCourse has changed the way she interacts with each of her kids and reconnects her with what she has wanted for each of them all along. It has also spurred her on to offer family support in her community, map out what it might take to start a non-profit, and bring the CtLC framework and tools to her work in her local school system.

**UCCEDD's 2019-2020  
Annual Report**

#### Disability Research Lab

The Disability Research Lab supports the development of researchers, students and trainees interested in the study of disability. Most of the researchers in the lab also have disabilities or identify as family members of people with disabilities. When members meet, they share updates on their individual projects and work together to make articles more accessible.

**Learn  
more**

#### Access for All Family Advisory Council

Dr. Jen Smith, LEND Program Director continues to work with many organizations in Cincinnati to increase accessibility for people with disabilities, including the Cincinnati Zoo. The Family Advisory Council is made up of 20 families representing different disabilities, age groups, and socioeconomic statuses. This group shares their experiences, guides the direction of the program and advocates for work in the community.

**Read the full  
story**

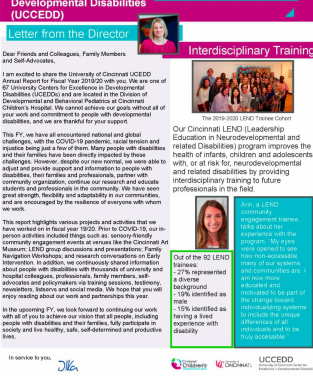


Photo caption: A family enjoying their day at the zoo

Photo caption: Page one of report infographic

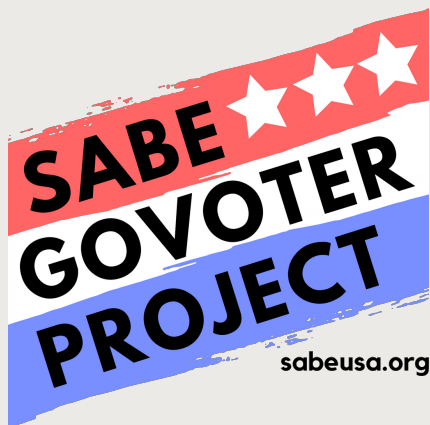
Each year, the UCCEDD publishes an annual report, providing details about the work that we have done over the past fiscal year. We are pleased to share the 2019-2020 report infographic with you now.

**View the report infographic**

### How was your voting experience?

If you are a person with a disability who participated in the November 3rd election - either by voting early, voting by mail, or voting at your polling place - please share your voting experience with the SABE GoVoter Project. Your response to this survey can help bring problems to light.

**Take the survey**



### 2020-2021 LEND Cohort

This LEND year looks a bit different than in the past due to COVID-19, but is going well so far. We have 24 trainees who are working hard to get the most of the program.



Photo caption: 2020-2021 LEND trainees

### Council on Leadership in Advocacy (COLA)

Susan Koller, one of our CAC members, is also a member of AUCD's COLA. By participating on this council, Susan is able to share her lived experience with disability to promote leadership in her community. Her advocacy skills have been strengthened by participating in the "I Vote Because Campaign", COVID Impact Campaign and the ADA Impact Campaign. Her involvement in COLA has also exposed her to many more resources available to her and others with disabilities.

## Feature in livespecial.com Magazine



Photo caption: livespecial.com magazine cover

Amy Clawson, our F2F Family Support Specialist in the Cleveland area and her son Timmy were recently highlighted in livespecial.com magazine. They are featured on page 26.

[View the magazine](#)



Photo caption: Susan Koller

[More on COLA](#)

## Guide to Interacting with Police

This guide is intended to teach individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities how to interact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

[Find the guide](#)



Photo caption: young adults interacting with officer

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 6 & Monday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 9 - Saturday, December 12, 1:30pm - Sensory Friendly Santa Experience at the Cincinnati Zoo

Thursday, December 10, 6:30pm - Family Virtual Q&A Session: Special Education, School and COVID-19

Tuesday, December 15, 3:30pm - "What I Wish I Knew When I Was Young" RAAC Virtual Session with Kim Clairy

Tuesday, December 22, 12:00pm - Microsoft Virtual Winter Camp: Minecraft Build

Challenge (ages 6+)

Saturday, December 26, 12:00pm - Autism and We Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 30, 12:00pm - Microsoft Virtual Winter Camp: Dog Sledding Adventure (ages 6+)

Tuesday, January 19 - Thursday, January 21: Transition Bootcamp Virtual Conference

Saturday, January 23, 12:00pm - Autism and We Monthly Meeting

**Details about all trainings and events, including Transition Booster Sessions can be found [here](#)**

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