### The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University

creates connections and promotes networks within and among communities so that people with disabilities are recognized as integral to the fabric of community life.

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**We believe**

We envision a society where **everyone has a voice. diversity is valued.**

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**We work with people**

with disabilities and families throughout Pennsylvania.

**We provide**

- Innovative services
- Insightful research
- Policy analysis
- Training (University and Community)

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**Assistive and Accessible Technologies**

Public awareness, information and referral, advocacy, training, services, and research and development to enhance access to assistive technology for all Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

**Criminal Justice**

Initiatives to support people with developmental disabilities who are crime victims, witnesses, or offenders.

**Disability Studies**

Graduate and undergraduate courses of study that explore historical, social, cultural, and political aspects of disability.

**Inclusive Education**

Initiatives to build capacity in teacher preparation programs to ensure that all teachers are prepared to teach all children.

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**Our Priorities**

- **Leadership Development**
  - Initiatives that teach people with disabilities, family members and students to assume leadership roles in the field of developmental disabilities.

- **Research and Evaluation**
  - Policy-oriented research guided by the concerns of people with disabilities and families.

- **Technical Assistance**
  - Initiatives that build capacity through training and technical assistance to universities, community-based providers, families, people with disabilities, and local, state and federal government.

- **Information Dissemination**
  - Dissemination of research, products, and information in accessible formats.

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**Projects of National/International Renown and Notable Collaborators**

- Two-time recipient of national program focused on criminal justice and people with developmental disabilities
- Governor's designee for implementing the federal Assistive Technology Act in Pennsylvania
- National leader in Disability Studies and Inclusive Education for students with disabilities
- Partner in the national Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Augmentative Communication, and the national Assistive Technology and People with Cognitive Disabilities Collaborative
- Policy-relevant research on disability
- ACES program launched in South Africa, Spring 2006 and in Australia in 2007

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Our current programs include:

### Assistantships and Disability Seminar
- Graduate Student Assistantship Program

### Assistive Technology
- Assistive Technology Research and Collaborative on Cognitive Disabilities
- Individualized Assistance to Obtain Funding for Assistive Technology
- Assistive Technology Device Demonstration
- Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library (PATLL)
- Pennsylvania's Higher Education Assistive Technology (HEAT) Lending Program
- Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)
- Recycled and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP)
- Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP)

### Augmentative Communication
- Augmentative Communication and Empowerment Supports (ACES)
- Augmentative Communication On-line Users' Group (ACOLUG)
- Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Communication Enhancement (RERC)

### Criminal Justice

### Disability Studies

### Emergency Preparedness

### Inclusive Education
- Academy for Adult Learning
- Ensuring Higher Education Opportunities for All

### Leadership Development
- Competence and Confidence: Partners in Policymaking (C2P2)
- For Children of Families in Early Intervention (C2P2 EI)
- For Emerging and Established Leaders (C2P2 EEL)
- Families First
- The Partnership - Pennsylvania Training Partnership for People with Disabilities and Families

### Research and Evaluation
- Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q)

### Supported Leadership

### Technical Assistance

### The Mini Course/Lecture Series on Disabilities

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- Provide information & resources
- Educate & support individuals
- Foster leadership
- Influence public policy

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