Institute for Human Development

The Institute for Human Development (IHD) is a research and training program located on campus at Northern Arizona University. The program is part of a national network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). The IHD fosters the development of attitudes that promote the public’s appreciation and value of individuals with disabilities. Attitudes, as barriers to or facilitators of inclusion, go hand-in-hand with access. Access, commonly thought of as access to services and supports, can have a much broader meaning. Services are unquestionably essential for inclusion but access also refers to access to information, education, physical environments, community, friendships, relationships, etc. Conceptually, access and attitude have reciprocal roles in promoting or inhibiting inclusion.

Vision
The vision for the Institute for Human Development-Arizona University Center on Disabilities is that people with disabilities fully participate in all life experiences.

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