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**NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS PRESENTS  
PRESIDENT'S AWARD TO UNH'S INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY**

DURHAM – The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was presented with the National Down Syndrome Congress President's Award during its annual convention, held Aug. 22-24 in Philadelphia. The award was presented to the Institute on Disability for pioneering leadership in creating and advancing best practices and for its commitment to parents and self-advocates as equal partners.

The Institute on Disability's mission is to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities into their schools and communities and to advance knowledge about disability and best practices. The Institute works with students and faculty, conducts statewide training, participates in grant-funded model demonstration projects, conducts research and engages in collaborative partnerships with other statewide organizations that are committed to improving the lives of persons with disabilities and their families.

The Institute on Disability, together with the Division of Genetics and Child Development Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, and the Department of Pediatrics at Dartmouth Medical School; the Institute for Health, Law, and Ethics at Pierce Law Center; and the Center on Community Economic Development and Disability at Southern New Hampshire University comprise New Hampshire's University Center for Excellence on Disability (UCED).

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*The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire, is a University Center for Excellence on Disability, established in 1987 with a mission to promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into their communities.*