Interdisciplinary Training Sites

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The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC)
Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities (BCDD)

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
Interdisciplinary Leadership Training in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) and Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)
University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
Preschool Age (Birth to 5)

Mixed Pediatric Age (Birth to Adolescence)

BCDD Admissions Committee
Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: Trainees can attend a weekly meeting during which BCDD faculty and staff review all new referrals for services. Disposition of these referrals is made at the meeting. Trainee will understand the admissions process, including criteria for services and BCDD and alternative services at other agencies.
Schedule: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.
Contact: Jenness Roth, MEd, Associate Director, BCDD

BCDD ADOS clinic
Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: Trainees can shadow a clinic in which a developmental pediatrician and a speech-language pathologist assess young children (e.g., 18-24 months) who have been referred for concern of potential Autism Spectrum Disorder. The ADOS, a diagnostic test, stands for Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule.
Schedule: Varies
Contact: Karen Hudson, MA-CCC, Speech-Language Pathologist, BCDD

BCDD (and/or Le Bonheur) Developmental Pediatrics Clinic
Location: Boling Center and/or Le Bonheur
Observation: Yes
Participation: Possible
Description: Developmental assessment of children with various developmental problems and treatment of selected problems (i.e., attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, and intellectual disability). Participation depends on discipline of trainee and the child’s characteristics.
Schedule: Varies
Contact: Debra Hanna, MD, Ron Espinal, MD, Tanjala Gipson, MD (Child Neurologist), and/or Toni Whitaker, MD (Chief), Developmental Pediatricians, BCDD

BCDD Diagnostic Evaluation Team
Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: Trainee can follow a child through a full diagnostic evaluation, which includes assessments by various disciplines, interdisciplinary team staffing following the...
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assessments, and an informing conference with the parents or caregivers. Observation rooms with audio feed are utilized when available for trainees who are observers. A diagnostic evaluation can be scheduled for persons who are known or thought to have a developmental disability.

**Schedule:** Varies  
**Contact:** Debra Hanna, MD, Ron Espinal, MD, Tanjala Gipson, MD (Child Neurologist), and/or Toni Whitaker, MD (Chief), Developmental Pediatricians, BCDD

### UT Center of Excellence (COE) for Children in State Custody: Parent-Child Interaction Clinic

**Location:** Boling Center  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** Yes  
**Description:** Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) at the Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities in Memphis, TN is a behavioral family-oriented therapy and an evidence-based practice for children with disruptive behavior problems between the ages of two and six.

**Schedule:** Varies  
**Contact:** Melissa Hoffmann, PhD, Director of COE, BCDD

### Individualized Education Program (IEP) Planning

**Location:** Community: Statewide  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** No  
**Description:** Trainee will receive experience shadowing IEP sessions. May take up to 3 hours, at school in community which varies on case by case basis.

**Schedule:** Varies  
**Contact:** Jenness Roth, MEd, Family Faculty Coordinator, BCDD

### Latino Developmental Pediatric Clinic

**Location:** UT Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** Ask  
**Description:** Trainees will observe clinical activities for Latino children diagnosed or at risk for neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families. Services provided to families who do not speak English as their primary language.

**Schedule:** 2-3 times per month- check LEND calendar  
**Contact:** Luisa Ramirez de Lynch, PT, DPT, C/NDT- Physical Therapist- UTHSC

### Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital: Infant and Toddler Clinic

**Location:** Community: Memphis, TN  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** No  
**Description:** An interdisciplinary developmental clinic for young children born at risk for developmental delay and/or disabilities. Includes Le Bonheur-based Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nutrition,
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Audiology, and Social Work. For trainees with interest some feeding disorders may be encountered in this setting.

**Schedule:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (trainee should email physicians to confirm)

**Contact:** Debra Hanna, MD, Ron Espinal, MD, and/or Toni Whitaker, MD (Chief), Developmental Pediatricians, BCDD

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<td><strong>Description:</strong> The clinic provides speech and language diagnostics and therapy to preschool children in individual sessions. Treatment is provided for specific speech and language disorders.</td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> An outpatient program. Clinics include individual family therapy, and psychiatric evaluation. Trainees in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry staff the clinic with supervision by a faculty psychologist. Initial evaluations are provided; family and individual therapy are arranged</td>
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<td><strong>Schedule:</strong> Monday afternoons</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Melissa Hoffman, PhD, Director, Child &amp; Adolescent Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic</td>
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School Age

**BCDD Audiology Clinic**
- **Location:** Boling Center
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Trainee will observe/participate in the evaluation of the hearing of children and adults using standardized auditory tests. Individual and family counseling and hollow-up provided as needed. Trainees may shadow our audiology clinic on the 4th floor of the BCDD. Jennifer Taylor, Au.D, CCC-A, a faculty member at The University of Memphis, currently serves as our audiologist. Recommend shadowing in conjunction with our Scottish-Rite Childhood Language Disorders Program, also ran by Ms. Hudson.
- **Schedule:** Thursdays, Fall and Spring semester
- **Contact:** Karen Hudson, MA-CCC, Speech-Language Pathologist, BCDD

**BCDD Family Group Interventions**
- **Location:** Boling Center
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Trainees will observe/participate with staff work with caregivers of children evaluated at BCDD. Techniques, presentations and group dynamics will be discussed. Trainees will also serve as coordinators and presenters for sessions. Feedback on content and presentation will be provided
- **Schedule:** As needed
- **Contact:** Shana Crispin, LMSW, Social Work, BCDD and/or Chanda Dunn, LCSW, Social Work, BCDD

**BCDD Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM) Clinic**
- **Location:** BCDD, Le Bonheur Outpatient Center
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Trainee will observe individuals with inborn errors of metabolism during their scheduled follow-up appointments with nutritionist and/or a geneticist in the genetics clinic. IEM disorders include phenylketonuria (PKU), urea cycle disorders, and others.
- **Schedule:** Appointment times vary. Scheduled at Le Bonheur Outpatient Center, 2nd floor, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- **Contact:** Lee Wallace, Ed.D, RDN, LDN, Chief of Nutrition, BCDD

**BCDD Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) Clinic**
- **Location:** Boling Center or Le Bonheur
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Varies

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**Description:** Trainees will observe and may participate in a discipline-specific aspect of NDD clinic (a nutrition trainee may conduct a diet history and provide a diet log or nutritional resources, for example). Children and adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities including neurologically-based conditions such as Tourette, epileptic encephalopathy or Landau Kleffner syndrome are evaluated and managed in this clinic. After each patient evaluation, trainees have the opportunity to engage in an interdisciplinary discussion about the presentation, diagnosis, needs and next action steps for the patient and family.

**Schedule:** Wednesdays noon and 2p  
**Contact:** [Tanjala Gipson, MD, Neurologist, BCDD](mailto:Tanjala.Gipson@bcdd.state.tn.us) (Contact Sheree Barden to schedule.)

### BCDD Project ENRICH, Fayette and/or Shelby County

**Location:** Community: Fayette County  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** Yes  
**Description:** Funded by the DCS Child Abuse Prevention Services trainees will participate in educational groups designed for parents of children with disabilities, teen groups at high school and middle school levels. The objectives are to develop ongoing support networks for parent of children with a disability residing in Fayette County. Examine pertinent issues relative to parenting a child with special needs.

**Schedule:** Every Wednesday and Friday, home visitations as needed  
**Contact:** [Shana Crispin, LMSW, Social Work, BCDD](mailto:Shana.Crispin@bcdd.state.tn.us) and/or [Chanda Dunn, LCSW, Social Work, BCDD](mailto:Chanda.Dunn@bcdd.state.tn.us)

### BCDD Psychology Clinic: Family Behavior Therapy (ABA Therapy)

**Location:** Boling Center  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** Yes  
**Description:** Participation in therapy is available to graduate level psychology trainees, social work, speech, and audiology (depending on major discipline advisor and trainee’s availability for ongoing therapy) targeting family behavior therapy for children with ASD or developmental disabilities and their families. Observation of therapy sessions is also open to all trainees with prior approval from the therapist, supervisor, and family. For the trainees who participate in ABA, the experience is designed to increase the following skills: (a) behavioral observation, (b) data collection, (c) trend analysis, (d) family consultation and to (e) gain knowledge of the behavioral symptoms of social and communication disorders.

**Schedule:** Varies  
**Contact:** [Phil Norfolk, Ph.D., Psychologist, BCDD](mailto:Phil.Norfolk@bcdd.state.tn.us)
BCDD Psychology Evaluation Clinic

Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: Psychological evaluations are provided for individuals of all ages who are thought to have developmental disabilities. Trainee participation is limited to graduate level psychology students, interns or fellows. Discussion topics include the rationale for the data gathering (i.e., test instrument selection – cognitive, educational, behavioral, emotional, and adaptive), direction of interview (formal/informal), analysis of data, and recommendations based upon the findings. Counseling with the family is also conducted regarding the findings and recommendations, flowed by a question and answer period with trainees.
Schedule: Varies
Contact: Phil Norfolk, Ph.D., Psychologist, BCDD

BCDD Relative Caregiver Program

Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: A CDS funded designed to access the needs of relative caregivers and encourage placements of children with relatives. Trainee will observe/participate in the activities of the Relative Caregiver staff including intake, family assessments, home visitations, and follow-up required to ensure safety and permanency for children being raised by extended family members. Trainee will also attend community outreach presentations.
Schedule: Call to schedule
Contact: Teresa English, MSSW, Coordinator, Relative Caregiver Program, BCDD

BCDD Social Work Clinic: Family, Group, Individual, and Play Therapies

Location: Boling Center
Observation: Yes
Participation: Yes
Description: Trainees will observe/participate in the various therapy programs offered by the Social Work Department staff
Schedule: Varies
Contact: Shana Crispin, LMSW, Social Work, BCDD and/or Chanda Dunn, LCSW, Social Work, BCDD

Le Bonheur Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) Associated Neuropsychiatric Disorders (TAND) Clinic

Location: Le Bonheur
Observation: Yes
Participation: May assist by gathering/explaining discipline-specific resources.
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Description: Trainees will observe TSC clinic. Children and adults with or suspected of having TSC with concern for TAND are evaluated and managed in this clinic. Case-based discussions are held after each patient, and images of their brain MRIs are reviewed.

Schedule: Mondays 9:30am, 12pm, 2pm and 3:30pm.

Contact: Tanjala Gipson, MD, Neurologist, BCDD (Contact Sheree Barden to schedule.)

Le Bonheur Developmental Pediatrics Clinic

Location: Le Bonheur - downtown and east (Humphreys) locations

Observation: Yes

Participation: No

Description: Developmental assessment and treatment of children with various developmental and behavioral problems.

Schedule: Varies

Contact: Debra Hanna, MD, Ron Espinal, MD, Tanjala Gipson, MD (Child Neurologist), and/or Toni Whitaker, MD (Chief), Developmental Pediatricians, BCDD
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## Concord Learning Center
- **Location:** Community: Memphis, TN
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Concord Academy is a private, state approved, non-profit school for students with special needs such as learning disabilities, attention deficits and many other problems that prevent students from learning in a regular class setting or school.
- **Schedule:** By appointment only
- **Contact:** Karen Hudson, MA-CCC, Speech-Language Pathologist, BCDD

## Memphis Oral School for the Deaf
- **Location:** Community: Memphis, TN
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Memphis Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) is located in Germantown, Tennessee and works to empower deaf children to listen, learn, and talk. MOSD has been serving families from all over the Mid-South since 1959. At MOSD NO SIGN LANGUAGE is used. We help profoundly deaf and hard-hearing children ages birth to six years old learn language during the most critical developmental stages of their lives.
- **Schedule:** By appointment only
- **Contact:** Karen Hudson, MA-CCC, Speech-Language Pathologist, BCDD

## Madonna Learning Center
- **Location:** Community: Memphis, TN
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** Madonna Learning Center provides is a private, faith-based school for children and young adults with special needs. Approximately 58 children and young adults ages 5 to 30 years old are annually enrolled in our school and adult program.
- **Schedule:** By appointment only
- **Contact:** Karen Hudson, MA-CCC, Speech-Language Pathologist, BCDD

## BCDD Rachel Kay Stevens Therapy Center (RKSTC)
- **Location:** BCDD – 4th floor
- **Observation:** Yes
- **Participation:** Yes
- **Description:** RKSTC is a student-run pro bono clinic. We serve underinsured and uninsured children from birth to 18 years. Occupational therapy (OT) is provided by students with supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.
- **Schedule:** By appointment only
- **Contact:** Anne Zachry, OT, PhD, Occupational Therapist, UTHSC
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### UT Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody

**Location:** Boling Center  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** Yes  
**Description:** Trainee will observe/participate in staff meetings, record reviews, clinical evaluations and care plan development for children in state custody who have been referred for consultation. Referrals are primarily from DCS case managers.  
**Schedule:** By appointment only.  
**Contact:** Melissa Hoffmann, PhD, Director of COE, BCDD

### Advocacy/Advisory Group Meetings

#### Autism Resources of the Mid-South

**Location:** Community: Memphis, Tn.  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** No  
**Description:** Trainee may participate in monthly evening support group. Educational/support activities.  
**Schedule:**  
**Contact:** Jenness Roth, M.Ed., Family Faculty Coordinator, BCDD

#### BCDD Community Advisory Council

**Location:** Boling Center  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** No  
**Description:** Trainee may observe the role of board members (representatives of consumer groups, individuals with developmental disabilities, and family members of individuals with disabilities) and BCDD professional staff discusses issues concerning the current status of BCDD programs and the development of plans for future programs.  
**Schedule:** Quarterly lunch meetings.  
**Contact:** Jenness Roth, M.Ed., Family Faculty Coordinator, BCDD

#### TN Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Location:** Nashville, TN  
**Observation:** Yes  
**Participation:** No  
**Description:** Trainee may observe the work of a governor appointed council, which is comprised of persons who have disabilities, family members, representatives from the TN DD Network, and state government officials.  
**Schedule:** Quarterly  
**Contact:** Bruce Keisling, PhD, Executive Director, BCDD
### Disability Rights, TN
- **Location:** Memphis, Nashville, TN  
- **Observation:** Yes  
- **Participation:** No  
- **Description:** Trainees may observe how DLACTN advocates for the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities to ensure they have an equal opportunity to be productive and respected member of our society.  
- **Schedule:** Quarterly  
- **Contact:** Debra Hanna, MD, Developmental Pediatrician, BCDD

### Down Syndrome Association of Memphis
- **Location:** Community: Memphis, TN  
- **Observation:** Yes  
- **Participation:** No  
- **Description:** Trainees may attend meeting with the board member to learn how DSAM supports and empowers individuals with Down syndrome and their families. DSAM seeks to promote inclusion of all individuals with Down syndrome by providing families and our communities with up-to-date information and education, enhancing public awareness of the inherent worth, value, and contribution of these individuals to society and fostering positive attitudes regarding people with Down syndrome.  
- **Schedule:** Quarterly  
- **Contact:** Carolyn Graff, PhD, Chief of Nursing, BCDD

### Latinos United for Children, Education, and Services (LUCES)
- **Location:** Bartlett United Methodist Church, 5676 Stage Rd., Bartlett, 38134  
- **Observation:** Yes  
- **Participation:** Yes  
- **Description:** Trainee may accompany Family Faculty Coordinator and Chief of Physical Therapy to Support Group for Latino parents of children with disabilities.  
- **Meetings:** Held on 2nd Friday of each month—except December from 6:30-8:00 pm.  
- **Contact:** Jenness Roth, MEd, Family Faculty Coordinator, BCDD or Luisa Ramirez de Lynch, PT, DPT, C/NDT- Physical Therapist- UTHSC
### BCDD Fayette Forward
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Community and school-based rural program designed to mitigate the impact of adverse childhood experiences on children and families. Trainees are able to observe the implementation of creating a trauma-informed community through training, program implementation, and consultation.</td>
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### Tennessee Disability Coalition (tndisability.org)
| Location | Nashville, TN |
| Observation | Yes |
| Participation | No |
| Description | Statewide alliance of 47 member organizations that promote full and equal participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Trainee may attend meetings with a board member to learn about projects involving legislation, advocacy, ADA related seminars and projects. |
| Schedule | Quarterly |
| Contact | **Jenness Roth, M.Ed., Family Faculty Coordinator, BCDD** |

### Go Baby Go! Physical Therapy Program at UTHSC
| Location | Memphis, TN |
| Observation | Yes |
| Participation | Maybe |
| Description | Go Baby Go was started at the University of Delaware to provide mobility to children with disabilities through adapted toy cars. The purpose of the project is to modify off-the-shelf ride on toys and individualize them to child’s needs. |
| Schedule | Annually |
| Contact | **Luisa Ramirez de Lynch, PT, DPT, C/NDT- Physical Therapist- UTHSC** |
Research Opportunities

BCDD Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) Associated Neuropsychiatric Disorders (TAND) Research Lab

Location: Boling Center

Participation: Trainees have the opportunity to participate in either a short or long term research project or presentation of results (manuscript, poster or oral).

Description: Clinical research is ongoing in the TAND research lab and currently includes retrospective chart review, database building, data mining, and literary search applicable to pending manuscripts. Prospective studies with gathering of human data, analysis of neuroimaging, and analysis of recorded language samples in collaboration with The University of Memphis will be available in the near future.

Schedule: Please contact Dr. Gipson

Contact: Tanjala T. Gipson, MD, Child Neurologist, BCDD (Contact Sheree Barden to schedule.)