



**Celebrating CEDDERS
1993-2013**

**University of Guam
Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Education, Research & Service**

Message from the Director



February 14, 2013 marks the Emerald, or 20th Anniversary of the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (Guam CEDDERS) as a nationally designated Center of Excellence. We are thrilled to be celebrating the strengths and capacity of Guam CEDDERS to address the area of disability through interdisciplinary training, technical assistance and clinical support, research and evaluation, and dissemination of high quality publications, materials, and information. We have, from 1993-2013, touched an entire generation of individuals. Those born in 1993 are now in the workforce or are in the process of completing college degrees.

Anniversaries provide an opportunity for retrospective reflection, lead to celebration of the outcomes of collective efforts, and provide a platform for saying thank you to all who have supported our journey. It is a time to reflect on who we are as a Center of Excellence, who we serve, and with whom we collaborate in carrying out our mission. An Emerald Anniversary is also a time to reflect on the legacy created by Guam CEDDERS and to imagine and plan for the positive impact Guam CEDDERS will continue to contribute to in the future.

We thank our Advisory Council, as key stakeholders in the effort to enhance the quality of life, opportunities, and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in our island and regional communities. We acknowledge your longstanding partnership with us in this important work. We thank Guam's self-advocates and family members, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins, for guiding us and strengthening our work. We thank our Tri-Agency partners, Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center and Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, for working with us on a joint agenda for change and support. We thank Guam's agency heads, non-profit organization directors, policy makers, Congresswoman, and the Governor for entrusting leadership responsibilities in the area of disabilities to Guam CEDDERS through the designation of our organization as lead agency for major efforts, and for supporting Guam CEDDERS in securing millions of dollars in federal funding each year. We thank the University community and our university leaders for giving us autonomy and support so that we may conduct, in creative and meaningful ways, outreach and support that is consistent with the Land Grant philosophy and that makes a real difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and allows for the greatest impact within the community. We thank our regional partners for joining with and supporting our efforts to provide outreach beyond the shores of Guam to the wider Pacific community.

Guam CEDDERS is a dynamic, everchanging, collaborative organization with the singular vision of enhancing the quality of life for those with developmental disabilities. Guam CEDDERS values mutual respect and stays focused. Organizationally we are resilient, have the courage and passion to tackle big issues, and are absolutely tenacious in our quest to pursue both excellence and equity. What makes Guam CEDDERS effective is the outstanding quality and commitment of our entire staff, and the manner in which each contribute to the whole of the organization and to our shared mission which is:

In partnership with individuals with disabilities and their families, agencies, organizations, and service providers, the Guam CEDDERS creates pathways that enhance, improve, and support the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

In this report, you will find a synopsis of Guam CEDDERS's major outcomes over the past 20 years, including success in leveraging more than 102 million dollars in funding to support training, technical assistance, research, and dissemination of information that has impacted individuals, families, schools, agencies, service providers, clinicians, community members, and policy makers.

Review our timeline of major impacts, and celebrate with us as we summarize overall achievements that we believe have increased the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities on Guam and in the Pacific region.

As we renew our commitment for the next decade, we look forward to your continued support, collaboration, and partnership as we continue our journey, expand our legacy, strive to even higher levels of excellence, and stay true to our mission over the coming decades.

BIBA UOG!, BIBA GUAM CEDDERS!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi San Nicolas".

Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D., Director

UAP Founders, 1993



Shown above is the original five-member team that established Guam University Affiliated Program (UAP) in February, 1993 at the Pacific Basin UAP Organizational Meeting in Honolulu. (L-R): Dr. Steve Spencer, Associate Superintendent for Special Education, Guam Department of Education; Lola Rojas, Executive Director, Guma' Mami Inc.; Frances Standing Soldier, Executive Director, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; Dr. Heidi San Nicolas, UAP Director; Peter Alexis Ada, Deputy Director, Department of Public Health & Social Services.

Guam CEDDERS (formerly UAP) has served as a training, technical assistance, and research center in the Western Pacific Region for the past 20 years. Beginning in 1993 as a satellite program of the University of Hawaii's University Affiliated Program, Guam CEDDERS in 1995 evolved to a fully funded center that aims to provide assistance in the movement to enhance, improve, and support the quality of life on individuals with disabilities and their families. Past and on-going collaborative efforts include working with government and non-profit organizations in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia including Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and American Samoa.

Funding for UAPs now University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) began in 1963 under President John F. Kennedy. Guam CEDDERS is Guam's Center of Excellence and receives core funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Guam CEDDERS is a member of Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), the national organization which represents 67 Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service in operation nationwide. This affiliation facilitates the accessibility of information on appropriate services for individuals with disabilities. Our staff expertise is enhanced and extended by being able to use the resources of the AUCD network in the provision of services and training and the development of products.

THE EVOLUTION OF GUAM CEDDERS

The facts and stats celebrating **20 years of service in our region.**

The University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service is one of **67** University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) nationwide and is ranked **22nd** in the nation in the amount of funding leveraged.

THE TIMELINE

This timeline highlights some key events throughout Guam CEDDERS' history and represents only a fraction of the training, service, technical assistance, research, and information dissemination that our organization has facilitated each year.

1992

Work began at Federal level to create funding for University Affiliated Program (UAP) presence on Guam

University of Hawaii (UH) and University of Guam (UOG) advised of funding for feasibility study

1993



University Affiliated Program (UAP) established as a satellite of the University of Hawaii Pacific Basin University Affiliated Program. Lola Rojas, Peter Alexis Ada, Frances Limtiaco, Dr. Steve Spencer, and Dr. Heidi San Nicolas comprised the team that set up the organizational structure

Territorial Forum on Disability held (first island-wide disability meeting held on Guam)

1994

First UAP Federal Site Visit resulting full status UAP



Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) federal grant funded

Interpreter Training grant funded (3-year federal grant)

DD Council projects awarded to UAP: First study on transportation, Job coaching, *Manu na Gai*ge Resource Directory, Consumer newsletter, Legal Guide

1995

Guam UAP becomes a fully independent University Affiliated Program

GSAT Center Building established

First GSAT Advisory Board formed

1st UAP Annual Assistive Technology Conference



Guam CEDDERS Celebrates 10th Anniversary!



Guam UAP becomes Guam CEDDERS!

1st Annual Walk, Wheel, Run 5K or 1 mile event

Guam CEDDERS hosts Island Summit on Disabilities

Guam EHDI, Telework and GOAL-AT grants awarded

Transportation Summit

2003

Project Alula:
BA in Communication Disorders begins

Educational Assistant Program for School Aides established

Regional Sign Language Interpreter Training Cycle 1 graduation

Guam UAP and WRRC Conduct IDEA and Instructional Strategies Training in the Marshall Islands

1999

UAP Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Second UAP federal site review

"Train the Trainer" Workshop: "Access and Use of AT Devices & Services" by Utah AT Program

1997

1998

2000

2001

2002

1996

Regional Sign Language Interpreter Personnel Preparation Grant funded

First issue of *I Tellai* (The Bridge) published

Health, Wellness, & Prevention Initiative Area established

Conference on Employment Individuals with Disabilities held

Project Filak I is funded to build awareness about a System of Care approach and wraparound for children with serious mental health needs

PBILC 2000 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference held

Project I Famagu'on-ta, Guam's System of Care for Children 5-21 with serious mental health needs funded (\$9.2 million over six years)

Guam CEDDERS hosts federal public hearing on the Reauthorization of IDEA

GSAT hosts first videoconferencing activity

Guam CEDDERS 10th Anniversary!



Guam CEDDERS Survives Typhoons Chata'an & Pongsona



2004

Project Fo'na
(Graduate level
program to train
Speech Language
Pathologist) grant
awarded

GSAT 10th
anniversary
celebrated

Newborn Hearing
Screening
Legislation passed

CNMI Child Care
Project

Palau Child Care
Project

Universal
Newborn Hearing
Screening
Legislation Passed

3rd Annual Walk,
Wheel, Run 5K or
1 Mile Event

Project Håtsa
(Teacher Quality
Enhancement)
kicks off

Project Tinituhon
(Early Childhood
Comprehensive
Planning) begins

2005

2006

First GOAL-AT Loan
Application awarded

Pacific Assessment
Consortium (PAC 6)
planning grant begins

4th Annual Walk,
Wheel, Run 5K or 1 Mile
Event



First issue of *Ta Na' Siña*
(We Can Do it!) now
called *I Lina'la-ta* (Our
Lives), a newsletter,
that highlights the
lives of individuals with
disabilities

Pacific CIMAP begins

Family Advocacy
Creates Results:
\$750,000 in New
Funding for Guam's
System of Care

Guam Early Learning
Guidelines Birth - 36
months published

2007

2008

Project Fo'na
participants
graduate!

Governor's Early
Childhood Summit

Early Learning
Council established

Guam CEDDERS
I Famagu'on-ta
Evaluation Team
received SAMHSA's
Excellence in
Evaluation Award

PACIFIC Project
begins

2009

Project Kariñu,
Guam's Early
Childhood System
of Care for young
children with social,
emotional, and
behavioral needs
funded in 2009
(8.3 million over six
years)

PAC6 Team Presents
at PacRim and
Pacific Education
Conferences

Updated
Self-Advocacy
Workshop Offered

I Famagu'on-ta
Evaluation Summit
facilitated by
CEDDERS



Pacific Vision Instruction
Project (Graduate
Program) Grant Awarded
in collaboration with
Univ. of Massachusetts

Tri-Agency Bowling Bash

Emergency Preparedness
for Individuals with
Disabilities

Guam Presents at SABE
(Self-Advocates
Becoming
Empowerment)
Conference

2010

2011

Self-Advocates Lead Self-
Advocate Workshop!

Pacific CIMAP outcomes
Shared at Sydney,
Australia Vision
Impairment Conference

Guam Transportation
Forum

Rules & Regulations
for Licensed Child Care
Centers & Group Child Care
Homes becomes law

Pacific VIP Master's Degree
Program Launched

Tele-Audiology
evaluations pilot project
established with Colorado
Children's Hospital

Self-Advocacy Summit

Early Childhood Summit

McREL Pacific Research Alliance
formed

First LEND (Leadership Education
in Neurodevelopmental & Related
Disabilities) cohort graduates

2012

2013

...and even greater things to come.

Guam CEDDERS hosts
Self-Advocacy lecture
series by visiting
Fulbright Scholar
Yevgeniy "Yev"
Tetyukhin, Ph.D.

American Printing
House for the Blind
Officials Visit Guam
for the first time

Guam CEDDERS
Celebrates 20th Anniversary!



CEDDERS IMPACT & OUTCOMES

Direct and/or Demonstration Services

3,179 hours of service to **29,637** participants over the last ten years



Clinical Services

28,905 babies had their hearing screened
from November 2002 to the present

Training

11,953 hours of training provided locally and regionally for **30,704** participants over the last ten years

Technical Assistance

39,987 hours of technical assistance and community services provided locally and regionally for **61,500** participants over the last ten years



Project Alula: BA in Communication Disorders



Project Fo'na (MA in Speech/Language Pathology)



Masters in Special Education Program



PROCEED School Aide Training Program



Sign Language Interpreter Training Program



Pacific Vision Instruction Project (VIP) Master's Degree Program

CEDDERS IMPACT & OUTCOMES

Developing & Disseminating Information

Developed **672** products, and of those products, **416,647** units were disseminated over the last ten years.



1998

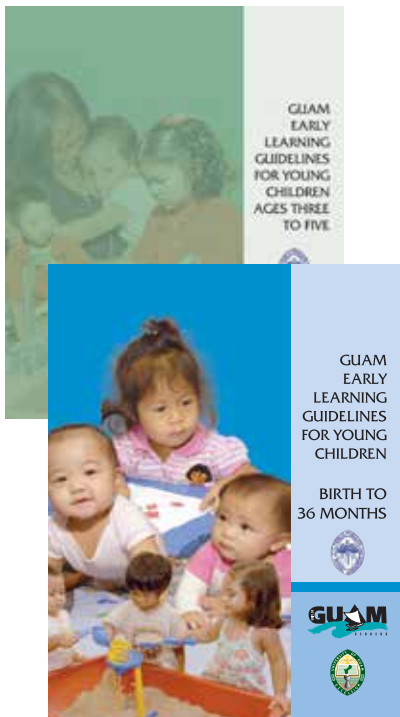
2013

The Guam CEDDERS newsletter, *I Tellai* (The Bridge), has been published quarterly for 15 years.

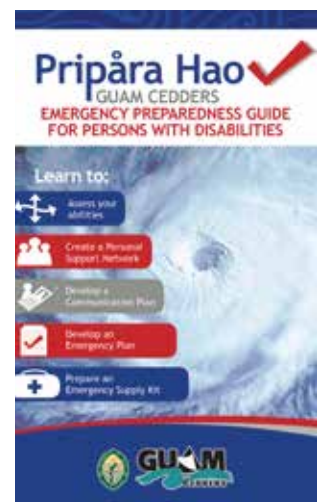
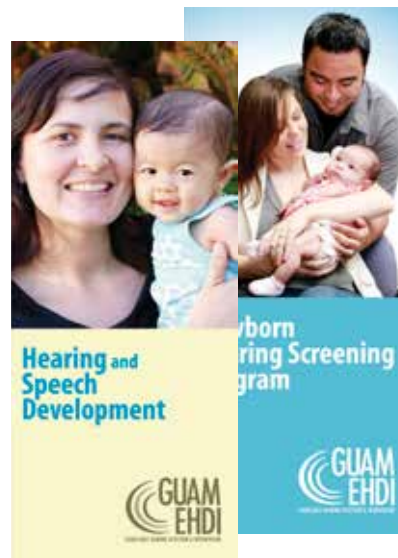


2007

I Lina'la-ta (Our Life), previously named *Ta Na' Siña* (We Can Do it!), a newsletter that highlights the lives of individuals with disabilities has been published quarterly for 6 years.



2013



Research & Evaluation

11,735 hours of research & evaluation performed over the last ten years.

What does it mean? The Numbers in Perspective

Guam CEDDERS has supported and launched new early intervention and early hearing screening programs including teleaudiology; has helped to establish model inclusive child care opportunities, expanded services offered to school age children and adolescents, increased the pool and skills of qualified medical professionals, speech pathologists, special educators, those providing leadership in neurodevelopmental disabilities, educational assistants, administrators, sign language interpreters, vision specialists, deaf educators, and autism and other developmental disabilities specialists. Guam CEDDERS has also educated policy makers about needed changes and creation of local laws, and has provided systems change opportunities while also encouraging expansion and improvement in services, transportation, employment opportunities, and job accommodations. Guam CEDDERS has provided a center where citizens may gain familiarity with assistive technology services and devices. Guam CEDDERS has improved the lives and opportunities of individuals with disabilities and their families through strategic partnerships, collaboration, training and technical assistance, all supported through the securing of necessary funding to launch and sustain high quality programs.

FUNDING

In 1992 UOG received \$6,300 to conduct a feasibility study to establish a UAP for Guam. Over the past 20 years, Guam CEDDERS has secured over **one hundred million dollars** in contracts and federal funding which has helped to improve the lives of thousands of individuals on island and throughout the Pacific region.

1993	\$55,000	2002	\$2,708,225	2011	\$8,558,112
1994	\$674,685	2003	\$3,012,221	2012	\$8,591,401
1995	\$834,000 ^{*estimated}	2004	\$4,850,289	2013	\$9,693,946
1996	\$1,071,532	2005	\$5,547,343	TOTAL FUNDING OVER 20 YEARS \$102,316,279	
1997	\$1,090,333	2006	\$6,921,817		
1998	\$2,830,845	2007	\$6,615,347		
1999	\$3,570,427	2008	\$10,631,739		
2000	\$1,720,226	2009	\$9,225,271		
2001	\$2,289,106	2010	\$11,824,414		



Guam CEDDERS Staff 2013



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