

Disabilities, Religion, and Spirituality

A program providing training and supports for individuals and families, faith communities, and disability service providers



The Program is secular; it is not affiliated with a particular religious thought or spiritual expression.

The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (VKC UCEDD) promotes the independence, self-determination, productivity, integration, and inclusion of individuals with disabilities and provides supports for their families.

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The Program:

The Disabilities, Religion, and Spirituality Program of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities:

- Provides training to current and future religious and spiritual leaders and educators
- Supports individuals with disabilities and their families as they give expression to their religion or spirituality
- Encourages disability service providers to consider the religious and spiritual interests of the individuals they serve

Program Activities:

The Disabilities, Religion, and Spirituality Program:

- Develops ecumenical educational materials
- Conducts research
- Shares best practices
- Provides disability-related theological field education internship opportunities for future religious leaders and educators
- Provides disability-related trainings for faith communities
- Hosts lectures and workshops
- Develops community partnerships to support inclusive religious and spiritual practices