Dear Participants:

Welcome to this National Capacity Building Institute. Our purpose today is to showcase three professional development modules created by the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai‘i as part of the Students with Disabilities as Diverse Learners (SDDL) Project.

Today you will have a unique opportunity to contribute to the field and expand your knowledge of professional development. Our program will be innovative and interactive through power point presentations, discussion groups and hands-on activities.

Our main objectives are to:

- Share with you the Cultural Diversity, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and Mentoring modules created by our project.

- Enhance your ability to replicate our efforts in creating a welcoming environment for all students.

- Gain valuable insight and feedback on the use and value of the modules.
Included in your participant binder are both print and electronic training tools to assist you with providing professional development. These include presentation Power Points, self-guided curriculum, briefs, and hand-out activities that you can utilize to expand your own awareness and for training activities.

We are excited that you could join us today. We hope the Institute will provide useful and practical information as well as ideas for further exploration and collaboration.

Thank you again for your participation!

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