

# UDL & the American Rescue Plan

Don't just **spend** your [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) funds](#), **invest** them in the professional growth of your staff to address learning loss!

CAST created the **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** framework specifically to address the learning needs of variable and diverse learners. We can provide your educator teams with practical, research-based strategies and tools to reach students who are disproportionately affected by the COVID pandemic. By integrating remediation with ongoing, grade-level learning, the UDL approach will help your teams address learning loss in equitable ways.

**UDL training and implementation support is an allowable expense under the American Rescue Plan.** Federal policy, including ESEA and Perkins V, identifies UDL as “a scientifically valid framework for guiding educational practice” to address the learning needs of marginalized students.

ARP's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds can be used by state and local education agencies to equitably expand opportunities for students who need the funds most, including students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, students with disabilities, English learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students with inadequate access to technology.

# To support your efforts, CAST offers a menu of Professional Learning and Technical Assistance options in live, virtual, and recorded formats.

Choose from topics such as:

- Introduction to Universal Design for Learning
- Lesson Design to Address Learners' Variability
- Goal Setting and Assessment that Accelerates Learning
- Instructional Rounds for Better Teaching and Learning
- Remote and Online Learning that is Accessible and Effective
- Coaching for UDL Implementation
- Leadership for Meeting the Social, Emotional, and Learning Needs of All

Contact us if you have any questions. We can customize topics and delivery methods to meet your district or building needs.

And do you know that your staff can earn credentials in Universal Design for Learning? Through Learning Designed™, CAST offers

- UDL Practitioner Credentials, Level 1 & Level 2
- Coaching Credentials
- School-level Certification

**Every state will receive financial support from the ARP ESSER Fund. We can help you identify available funds and make the right investment for scaling up Universal Design for Learning in your district or school.**

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