



## Gordon Richins Award for Leadership and Advocacy

The Council on Leadership and Advocacy presents the Gordon Richins Award for Leadership and Advocacy in recognition of:

- Exemplary leadership and advocacy practices of including people with disabilities and family members in projects and initiatives within a Center and the AUCD network as a whole;
- Serving as an example to the community and the AUCD network by consistently nurturing and promoting leadership opportunities within a Center for people with the lived experience of disability; and/or
- Significant contributions and efforts to increase the leadership opportunities for people with disabilities and their families.

To be eligible for this award you must be one of the following:

- An Association member;
- A current or past faculty or staff at a UCEDD/LEND/IDDRC; and/or
- A current or past member of a Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) or the CAC as a group.

Gordon Richins was a leader, mentor, and friend. Gordon served as Co-Chair of the Council on Community Advocacy (COCA) from 2004-2010, which was renamed as the Council on Leadership and Advocacy in 2017. Gordon served as a member and a leader on the Center for Persons with Disabilities (CPD) at Utah State University, Utah's UCEDD, Community Advisory Council.

Gordon's approach to advocacy was reflective of his personal qualities – respectful, supportive, and effective. Gordon was committed to the disability community and offered his voice in support of people with disabilities. Gordon was a leader within the AUCD network, at CPD, and various other boards and committees at the local, state and national level. This award honors the advocacy that Gordon exemplified and provided to AUCD and the disability community.