

# Assistive Technology Director Named to National Board | CPD

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my expertise to the table. We can engage in a dialog on helping to bring equality to all people with disabilities." The Center for Persons with Disabilities and the Utah Assistive Technology Program are both located at Utah State University.

Sachin Pavithran, program director for the CPD's Utah Assistive Technology Program, was recently named to the Association of University Centers on Disability's Board of Directors. AUCD is a network of interdisciplinary centers dedicated to serving people with disabilities, their families and communities. The CPD is a network member. "My vision is for AUCD to broaden its scope and reach in policy and practice of inclusion within its network," Pavithran said. He plans to do this by encouraging an open dialog on matters of diversity, recruiting people from diverse ethnic and LGBTQ backgrounds, and getting commitments from network partners to make inclusion a priority. Pavithran was born in India and raised in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates before he came to the U.S. at the age of 17 to pursue a higher education. He serves as an adviser to the executive director of the State Office of Rehabilitation, and he is on the Executive Management Team of the Utah Department of Workforce Services. On the national level, he is vice chair of the Assistive Technology Act Programs and was appointed by President Obama to the United States Access Board. Internationally he has worked on assistive technology, equal access and disability policy in The United Arab Emirates, India, Egypt, Syria, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey and Mexico. "I am excited to serve on the AUCD Board," Pavithran said. "I look forward to bringing