Former LEND Trainees say:

“My LEND training gave me the understanding of perspectives of family members, as well as the values needed to work with children with disabilities that I now use as a university professor.”

“I had a potential employer tell me, when making a job offer, that the LEND training was exactly what they were looking for because it assured them that I was skilled in the interdisciplinary provision of services, the delivery of community based services, and in interagency collaboration.”

“The interdisciplinary team leadership experience provided by WI LEND has been the most valuable training I’ve ever had. I’m currently working with teams that include physicians, therapists, child welfare workers and attorneys. As the leader of the team, everyday I rely on the skills and training I received through LEND.”

“Without the knowledge and experiences associated with WI LEND, I would not have attained the skills necessary to be working on policy development and systems change at the federal level.”

“My LEND family mentor experience had a profound effect on me. I do research with young children who use cochlear implants. Understanding the dynamics, the joy and challenges that face families helps me better design research with families in mind.”

How to Apply:

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WI LEND

Curriculum Emphasis

- Leadership Development
- Core Knowledge of Neuro-developmental Disabilities
- Clinical & Community Experiences
- Public Health Systems & Policy
- Applied Research

The goal of the Wisconsin LEND Program is to provide interdisciplinary and disciplinary leadership training to improve systems of care that promote the prevention of disabilities and assure access to family-centered, community-based services for children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families. Trainees gain competencies in interdisciplinary clinical care, family needs and preferences, and the public health system. The WI LEND Program is designed to advance leadership skills.

Graduates students and others from the following disciplines:

- Audiology
- Pediatrics & Rehabilitative Medicine
- Family Member/Parent of Person w/Disabilities
- Person w/Disabilities (Self-Advocate)
- Genetic Counseling
- Physical Therapy
- Health Administration
- Psychology
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Public Health
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Nutrition
- Psychological
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language

WI LEND trainees participate in an academic year program (minimum of 300 hours) that includes seminars and discussions, interdisciplinary team work, participation in a clinic or community-based practicum, research project, family mentor experience, leadership development workshops, and mentoring.

Stipends are available to eligible trainees.