

Wisconsin Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities

LEND is a special training program that prepares graduate students, professionals, family members of children with developmental disabilities, and self advocates (individuals with developmental disability), for leadership and advanced professional practice in order to improve the lives of children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.



Total Number of WI LEND Graduates

In the last 50 years, more than 1,100 long-term trainees and thousands of short-term trainees have graduated from WI LEND.

Number of Participating Disciplines

WI LEND is a highly interdisciplinary program with graduate students, professionals, and community members across 15 disciplines.



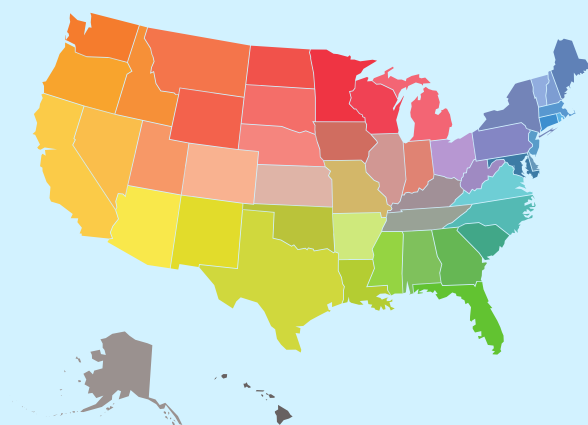
Many Graduates are Still in a Disability-Related Field

Within ten years of graduating from WI LEND, 96% of graduates work in an interdisciplinary manner to serve the maternal and child health and disability population.



'Nothing About Us Without US'

WI LEND has had 23 family members and 13 disability self-advocacy trainees since 2011.



LEND All Across the Country

The WI LEND program is one of 60 across the country. Every state and some territories have access to a state or regional LEND program.

The Impact of LEND

WI LEND has trained thousands of people to help improve systems of care for individuals with disabilities. Our trainees continue to assume leadership roles in disability-related fields and provide the best possible services and supports for children with developmental disabilities and their families.

