Apply to WI LEND

Individuals with disabilities, family members of an individual with a developmental disability, and people from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This includes graduate students and others from the following disciplines:

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

“WI LEND gave me a broader understanding of interdisciplinary practice and a team approach to patient care.”

– Wisconsin LEND trainee

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. 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.

Curriculum Emphasis

- Leadership Development
- Core Knowledge of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
- Interdisciplinary and Family-Centered Practice
- Research, Evaluation and Dissemination

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