



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Center on Human Development and Disability

UW LEND Fact Sheet



Program Purpose

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) training program provides interdisciplinary training to enhance the clinical expertise and leadership skills of professionals dedicated to caring for children with neurodevelopmental and other developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder. LEND is federally funded through the Autism CARES Act and is administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Faculty

The UW LEND faculty is comprised of 27 members who represent 13 core disciplines: Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, Psychology, Nursing, Dentistry, Nutrition, Social Work, Audiology, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Special Education, Family Leadership, and Self-Advocacy.

Trainees

An annual cohort of ~35 diverse graduate students, post-graduate fellows, mid-career community-based health professionals, families and self-advocates are enrolled and complete 300 hours of training. Training experiences include: participation in interdisciplinary practice in CHDD clinics and community-based practice sites, weekly didactic seminars and monthly leadership workshops, advocacy community engagement, self-directed activities, and a leadership project. UW LEND supports a satellite training site at Children’s Village in Yakima, WA and provides distance-learning opportunities for trainees outside the Seattle area.

The program prepares trainees to provide high level interdisciplinary, family-centered clinical care, assume leadership roles, become advocates for disability, and promote relevant clinical and population level research.

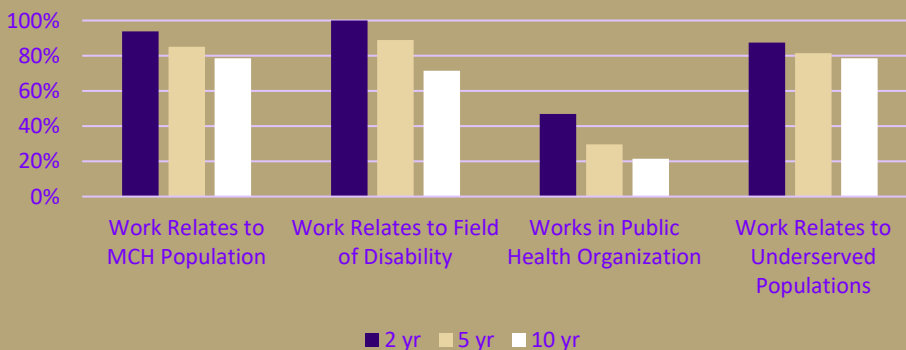


KEY FACTS

- Interdisciplinary training to prepare a workforce in caring for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities
- 27 LEND Faculty representing 13 core disciplines
- >16 disciplines represented in enrolled trainees



Post-LEND Trainee Outcomes



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Total number of LEND Trainees from 2014-2019

176 Long term trainees

477 Intermediate term trainees

60 Short term trainees

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