

UW LEND FACT SHEET



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
- > More than 16 disciplines represented in enrolled trainees

ABOUT LEND

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 satellite training sites at the Children's Village in Yakima, the Northwest Autism Center in Spokane, and provides distance-learning opportunities for trainees outside the Seattle area.

> Trainees from UW MMCH Leadership Training Programs are welcome to attend UW LEND didactic seminars. Access the [UW LEND Calendar](#) for more information, and contact nan Ringera at charbert@uw.edu for the zoom link passcode.