

**UW LEND Trainee – Leadership Project Proposal
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Program: Intersection of Lived Experience and a Diagnostic Clinic

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Project Title: Engaging the Neurodiversity Perspective in the Child Development Clinic

Describe the Need:

A structured process for clinic families who wish to talk with an autistic adult about their experience.

Brief Description of Proposed Project:

We would like to develop a program for the IHDD Child Development Clinic in which families with a child newly diagnosed with autism can meet with UW LEND autistic adult to learn about what life is like as an autistic adult. We don't have a name for this program yet. This would be a parallel program to the Child Development Clinic's Family Autism Support Team (FAST). Consider exploring programs that may already exist in WA State and beyond to identify lessons learned from existing programs.

Project Goal and/or Desired Outcome:

Develop this program.

Create the structure and workflow for the IHDD's Child Development Clinic

Proposed Roles/Responsibilities of the UW LEND Trainee(s): *Include number of trainees desired*

At least two trainees-one clinical and one autistic self-advocate with lived experience

List Any Desired Trainee Prior Experiences or Skills:

Clinical trainee must have experience with autism diagnosis and feedback with families.