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UW LEND Trainee – Leadership Project Proposal

Program: LEND/CTU Child Development Clinic

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Project Title: Video-Story Library of Lived Experience from Autistic Young Adult - Adult Lived Experience

Describe the Need:
We receive requests from parents and caregivers of autiisttic individuals for more intormation about the lived experience of young adults and adults with autism. They are interested in learning about their successes and life experiences to guide their allyship and advocacy for the loved ones in their family.

Brief Description of Proposed Project:
We would like to develop a video library resource for the IHDD Child Development Clinic. The vision is a library of videotaped personal stories told from the voice of autistic young adults.

Project Goal and/or Desired Outcome:
The video library would be made available to parents and caregivers, and youth who have received a recent diagnosis of autism for a family member or themselves. The intent of the resource library is to offer opportunities to hear and learn about a spectrum of life experiences of individuals with autism. This would serve as a parallel resouce to the existing Autism Support Team (FAST).

Proposed Roles/Responsibilities of the UW LEND Trainee(s): *Include number of trainees desired*
Activities may include: review/identify existing videos or audio stories, literature reviiew, identifyiing a format /methods for gathering stories, recording stories, beginning to develop a resource library.
2-3 trainees, at least one a self-advocate.

List Any Desired Trainee Prior Experiences or Skills:
Some experience witth sharing one's own personal story, desired but not required.

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