

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

About the KY LEND Program

The University of Kentucky Human Development Institute is leading a five year Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University. LEND programs share the overall mission of improving the health of infants, children and adolescents with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental and related disabilities including autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). A major focus of LEND is to increase the number of professionals with the knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based screening, diagnosis and treatment of developmental disabilities, including ASD.

Goals

- 1 Provide a unique training experience for interdisciplinary students with an emphasis on persons with multiple identities, their mental health, and the perspectives of self-advocates;
- 2 Increase the clinical expertise and leadership skills of practicing KY professionals and families; and
- 3 Increase collaboration with universities, agencies, and statewide health and employment initiatives across KY that train students and professionals to serve children and youth with autism and other developmental disabilities.

KY LEND Trainees - Expectations

Commit for the upcoming academic year (Fall, 2021-Spring, 2022).

Have monthly meetings with faculty mentor.

Complete all program requirements.

Participate in weekly seminars on Fridays, from 10a – 1p (offered via video conference and face to face). Graduate students will enroll in required courses.

Spend an average of 12 hours a week on leadership, clinical and field experiences.

How to Apply to Become a LEND Trainee

- 1 Student trainees must be enrolled in a graduate level program at the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville or Eastern Kentucky University for Fall, 2021 semester.
- 2 Submit the [online application](#) for admission to the LEND Program. You will need to include your resume, personal statement, and transcript (unofficial copy of transcript will be accepted).
- 3 Family members and self-advocates are encouraged to apply and do need not to be enrolled as a graduate level student.
- 4 You may be asked to have an interview as part of the application process.