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Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) **Family Trainees**

What is LEND?

LEND is an interdisciplinary training program of the Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University. The purpose of LEND is to improve the health of children who have neurodevelopmental disabilities by preparing trainees from a wide variety of disciplines such as psychology, medical dietetics, genetic counseling, and others to assume **leadership** roles and to ensure high levels of clinical competence.

What is a LEND Family trainee?

The family trainee is a parent or sibling of an individual with a disability who learns about neurodevelopmental disabilities, attends classes and clinics, and completes a leadership project. Through LEND, family trainees have a chance to experience leadership in a new way: learning more about the medical part of disability and about disabilities other than their family member's.

What would I do?

Family trainees learn and work with students. They also share their lived experiences with the LEND trainees and offer a valuable insider perspective to living with a family member with a disability.

What is required?

Participate in the Nisonger LEND program 10 hours a week - Fall and Spring semesters (August – May). This includes attending the LEND seminar on Wednesdays from 4 – 6:30, attending some clinics, and working on Leadership Projects with other LEND trainees. Family trainees are paid \$3000 each semester.

How do I apply?

Send a Letter of Interest and a resume to:

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In the letter explain your experience as a family-advocate and what interests you about being part of LEND.

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