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Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) **Self-Advocate 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 Self-Advocate trainee?

The self-advocate trainee is an individual with a disability who learns about neurodevelopmental disabilities, attends classes and completes a leadership project. Through LEND, self-advocates have a chance to experience leadership in a new way: learning more about the medical part of disability and about disabilities other than their own.

What would I do?

Self-advocates learn and work with other students. They also share their lived experiences with the LEND trainees and offer a valuable insider perspective to living with a disability.

What is required?

Participate in the Nisonger LEND program 5 hours a week - Fall and Spring semesters (August – May). This includes attending the LEND seminar on Wednesdays from 4 – 6:30 and working on a Leadership Project with other LEND trainees. Applicants must be able to send and receive emails. Self-advocate trainees are paid \$1500 each semester.

How do I apply?

Send a Letter of Interest and a resume to:

Paula Rabidoux, PhD
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In the letter explain your experience as a self-advocate and what interests you about being part of LEND.

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