



## **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 individuals with ASD/DD by preparing trainees from a wide variety of disciplines 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 family member of an individual with a disability who learns about ASD/DD attends classes and clinics, and completes a leadership project. Through LEND, family trainees have a chance to experience leadership in a new way: learning about multiple perspectives of disability and sharing their own lived experiences.

### **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 about 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 classes on Monday and Wednesday, attending some clinics, and working on Leadership Projects with other LEND trainees. Family trainees are paid for their participation.

### **How do I apply?**

Email a Letter of Interest and a resume to: Ellen Cook (tamncook@gmail.com) and Linda Rittenhouse (rittenhouse.59@osu.edu)

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