



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 individuals with ASD/DD by teaching trainees from a wide variety of disciplines 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 ASD/DD, attends classes and clinics and completes a leadership project. Through LEND, self-advocates have a chance to experience leadership through multiple perspectives of disability and to share their lived experiences.

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 10 hours a week - Fall and Spring semesters (August – May). This includes attending classes on Monday and Wednesday, attending some clinics, and working on a Leadership Project with other LEND trainees. Applicants must be able to send and receive emails. Self-advocate trainees are paid for their participation.

How do I apply?

Email a Letter of Interest and a resume to: Andrea Witwer (Andrea.Witwer@osumc.edu)
In the letter explain your experience as a self-advocate and what interests you about being part of LEND.