

Calling All Families...
Make a Difference in the Experience of LEND Trainees!

Do you have a child with a disability under the age of 18?

Would you be willing to share your day-to-day experiences with a future leader?

The Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) program at the University of Delaware brings together trainees from a number of disciplines to learn with and from each other on their way to becoming providers of interdisciplinary, culturally competent, and family centered services. Trainees are with us for a full year of diverse learning experiences, one of which is known as "A Day In Our Life."

In this experience, trainees spend about 15-20 hours connecting meaningfully with a family in which at least one of the members is a child with a neurodevelopmental disability. Host families will welcome a trainee into their home, giving them an "up close and personal" view of family life. These times together are expected to take place at home, at visits to doctors or other healthcare professionals, at schools, and in community settings where host families spend their time. The primary purpose of this activity is to enable trainees to get to know a family at a personal level, which in turn should help them become more sensitized to the circumstances that families encounter in the course of raising their children.

In order to be selected as a host family, you must be:

- Able to attend a short orientation session.
- Willing to open your lives to a LEND trainee in the form of letting them visit, tag along, and ask you about your experiences.
- Willing to allow your trainee to take pictures or short video clips that will be included in a reflection assignment (will not be shared beyond the confines of the LEND learning experience).

Once your trainee has completed this experience, you will receive \$400 as a token of our gratitude for your participation.

If you are interested in shaping the family-centered perspective of an up-and-coming professional, please complete the attached application form and return to:

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Thank you!!!

APPLICATION FORM

Parent Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Family Information

Please describe your household in terms of number of people in the home, their relationships, pets, predictable routines or appointments, typical mealtime, etc.

Information About Your Child with a Disability

Child's first name:

Age:

School or program your child attends:

Nature of your child's disability:

What kinds of things does your child enjoy?

What kinds of things does your child avoid?

This program requires you to participate in a variety of activities. Please indicate your willingness to engage in each of these by checking YES or NO.

Activities	YES	NO
Short orientation meeting in Newark, Delaware		
LEND trainee involvement in family activities and routines		
Gathering of photo and video documentation		