

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

Would you share your daily experiences with an aspiring leader?

BECOME A MENTOR FAMILY



How You Can Help

Mentor families are needed to host trainees from the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program, administered by the University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies. LEND prepares trainees to support the delivery of interdisciplinary, culturally-competent, family-centered services. Trainees include family advocates, self-advocates, graduate students and early career professionals.

Who Will You Mentor?

Host families welcome a LEND trainee into their lives. Connections can take place anywhere the host family typically spends time: at home, at visits to the doctor, at school, and in community settings. Trainees get to know the host family, which in turn can help them become more familiar with the circumstances that families may encounter in the course of raising their children.

The Basics


Time commitment: About 15 hours

Compensation: \$400

To qualify as a host family, your family must:

- include at least one child with a neurodevelopmental disability
- attend a short orientation session
- open your lives to a LEND trainee by letting the trainee visit, tag along, and ask you about your experiences
- allow your trainee to take pictures or short video clips that will be included in a reflection assignment.

How to apply

- Complete the application online at cds.udel.edu/LEND-family-app
- Or scan the QR code 
- Or contact Stephanie Kaznica (see below) for a paper application.

Questions? Please contact:

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