

## What alumni and faculty have to say about the LEND experience:

*“As a LEND trainee I gained an understanding of the healthcare system as it relates to kids with disabilities. I was included as a part of the team and felt that I was able to make significant contributions.”*

- Misti Moxley

*“Being a LEND Family trainee allowed me to expand my knowledge both personally and professionally. It also opened doors for my career.”*

- Laura Wilson

*“I discovered that my experience as a parent helped inform the other trainees about what it feels like for families. In turn, I gained an understanding of the clinician perspective.”*

- Carol Criswell

*“Having a Family Trainee work side-by-side with providers and trainees of many disciplines enhances everyone’s learning. It ensures that the “family voice” and perspective is front and center.”*

- Kurt Freeman, PhD, ABPP  
Director, Institute on Development & Disability

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## How to apply:

Send an email to [dennehy@ohsu.edu](mailto:dennehy@ohsu.edu) with:

- a letter of interest
- current resume
- name and contact information of at least one personal or professional reference

**Deadline: June 15, 2025**

**You will receive a return email confirming receipt of your application and information about the interview process. Interviews (virtual) will be held in July. Questions may be emailed to: [dennehy@ohsu.edu](mailto:dennehy@ohsu.edu).**

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INSTITUTE ON DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITY

## LEND Family Trainee Program

2025-26 Application Information

*A paid training opportunity for parents and guardians of children/youth who experience neurodevelopmental disability.*



Leadership

Education in

Neurodevelopmental & related

Disabilities



## About the LEND Family Trainee program:

This fellowship is both a *learning* and *teaching* opportunity for parents or guardians of children or youth with neurodevelopmental disabilities. Trainees will work side-by-side with Self-Advocates, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Audiologists, Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers, Dieticians, and Health Administrators. They learn advanced leadership and advocacy skills in a fast-paced multidisciplinary setting as well as about a wide variety of topics related to pediatric neurodevelopmental disability.

Family Trainees will also teach their professional colleagues about the family experience and perspective. They will speak from their lived experiences, collaborating with professionals to improve interactions within health care.

### Eligibility:

- Parent or guardian of a child, youth, or young adult with a neurodevelopmental disability
- Demonstrated interest in leadership, advocacy, disability policy, or health care
- Able to work at the OHSU Marquam Hill campus one – two days per week, for a total of 10 hours per week
- High school diploma or above
- Must provide proof of insurance, immunizations, and pass a background check
- Basic computer skills and ability to use email and other web-based platforms for meetings.

### Family Trainees will:

- Participate 10 hours per week, September 1 through May 31. *Attendance is required on the OHSU Marquam Hill Campus on:*
  - Every Thursday from approximately 2:30 – 5:00 pm (except holidays)
  - One Wednesday per month (TBD) from 8 am – 5 pm (except holidays)
- Receive a minimum monthly stipend of \$900.
- Attend weekly seminars, actively participating in discussions and activities.
- Observe in the LEND diagnostic clinic one time per month, providing feedback to the multi-disciplinary clinic team. When possible, Family Trainees will observe other CDRC clinics.
- Participate in an approved research project.
- Meet with a health care administrator 2-3 times per year to learn about health care from the perspective of ‘the system’.
- Lead and/or co-lead at least two training activities for LEND colleagues.
- Participate in a community leadership activity. This may require some travel to the Portland Metro area.

NOTE: This position is not recommended for those who are employed more than 30 hours per week.

**Application instructions on back.**