

Collaboration

Our program collaborates with the following colleges, universities, hospitals community agencies in Connecticut:

- Birth to Three System
- Burgdorf Dental Clinic
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- CRT HeadStart
- Creative Child Care Center
- Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics Fellowship Training Program, Yale University School of Medicine
- Futures, Inc
- Gaffney Elementary School
- Hospital for Special Care
- Riverview Hospital
- Saint Joseph College
- Southern Connecticut State University
- St Francis Hospital
- The New England Assistive Technology (NEAT) Education & Resource Center
- UCHC Adoption Assistance Program
- University of Hartford

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LEND

Leadership Education in
Neurodevelopmental &
Related Disabilities



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Program Description

The University of Connecticut Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (UConn LEND) program is an interdisciplinary leadership training program aimed at improving the health of infants, children and adolescents who have, or are at risk for developing, neurodevelopmental and other related disabilities, with a special emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorders. The LEND program is funded by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health (MCHB), in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



LEND trainees are graduate and post graduate students, professionals, and family members who: participate in didactic class sessions and practica in the field; demonstrate competence in MCHB core areas; complete field assignments; and design and implement an interdisciplinary project to demonstrate their leadership abilities.

LEND Trainees

UConn LEND provides training to emerging leaders in the following disciplines:

- Audiology
- Business
- Communication Disorders
- Dentistry
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Public Health and Administration
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Social Work
- Special Education

Trainees may participate in LEND at different levels:

- Long Term Trainees commit 300+ hours to the program
- Medium Term Trainees commit 40 to 299 hours to the program
- Short Term Trainees commit up to 39 hours to the program

Curriculum

The UConn LEND curriculum covers six areas:

- MCH Foundation
- Neurodevelopment Risk Disability
- Interdisciplinary Practices
- System Supports
- Individual Supports
- Emerging Issues

Sample seminar topics include:

- Family centered practices
- Early intervention
- Nutrition and metabolic errors
- Transition to adult medical, work and community
- Assistive Technology
- Strategic planning, among many more.

