MI-LEND Program

**Michigan Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (MI-LEND)** is an interdisciplinary leadership training program. The MI-LEND Program trains emerging leaders with the goal of improving the health of infants, children and adolescents with or at risk for neurodevelopmental disabilities and other special health care needs. MI-LEND is a two-semester training program that emphasizes developing family-centered, culturally competent interdisciplinary leadership skills. MI-LEND is funded under the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support (CARES) Act, and administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

**MI-LEND Trainees**

LEND trainees must have completed their undergraduate degree and be enrolled in or have completed a graduate program in the Maternal Child Health professions (audiology, dentistry, genetic counseling, health administration, medicine, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, social work, special education, speech-language pathology). Self-advocates and family members of children with disabilities and other special health care needs are also encouraged to apply.

**MI-LEND is a collaboration between:**

- Central Michigan University
- Michigan State University
- Northern Michigan University
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Wayne State University
- Western Michigan University
- Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Title V)

**Training Opportunities**

**Long-term trainees**

- Will be required to complete at least 300 hours of didactic, clinical and experiential learning.
- Receive a certificate for successful completion of the program as well as a stipend.

**Other training opportunities**

Webinars, workshops and experiential learning opportunities are available to other interested graduate-level trainees and professionals.

**Interested in Applying?**

Applications to be a long-term trainee for the 2020-21 academic year will be accepted from February 1 to May 1, 2020. For more details, please visit:

[https://ddi.wayne.edu/milendapp](https://ddi.wayne.edu/milendapp)

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