



CA-LEND faculty provide training in the following disciplines:

- Audiology
- Communication Disorders
- Family/Adult Consumers
- Genetic Counselors
- Health Administration
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Parent/Youth Consumers
- Pediatrics & other related specialties
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Special Education

If you have additional questions about the program or are interested in applying, please contact:

Douglas Vanderbilt, MD
CA-LEND Program Director
Email: dvanderbilt@chla.usc.edu

Patrice M. Yasuda, PhD
CA-LEND Training Director
Email: pyasuda@chla.usc.edu

Christine Do, MPH
CA-LEND Training Coordinator
Phone: (323) 361-3834
Email: chdo@chla.usc.edu

Mailing Address:
CA-LEND Training Program
USC UCEDD at CHLA
4650 Sunset Blvd., MS #53
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Visit us on the web:
<http://www.uscucedd.org>
Training → Leadership Training (CA-LEND)



**California Leadership Education
in Neurodevelopmental and
Related Disabilities**

**Interdisciplinary Training Program
at USC UCEDD**

3250 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500
Los Angeles, CA 90010



The USC UCEDD's CA-LEND program is one in a network of 43 programs in 37 states and the District of Columbia funded through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), grant No. 4T73MC00008. <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>

About Us

Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (CA-LEND) Training Program is the only LEND program in California, and one of the oldest LEND programs in the United States. Since 1966, we have been training leaders, educating community providers, conducting research, and promoting systems change for children with or at risk of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) including those with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Our mission is to create an interdisciplinary learning community where leaders in Maternal and Child Health, especially in California, prepare to serve children with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families, with a life course perspective, through family-centered, culturally responsive, coordinated, comprehensive, developmentally appropriate clinical care, teaching, research, and systems change.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Interdisciplinary Leadership

Each discipline brings a unique and important perspective in providing a comprehensive approach to complex problems. Interdisciplinary teams collaborate with families to improve the health and development of children, perform cutting edge research, and advocate for improved systems of care.

Our Trainees

CA-LEND trainees are a diverse group of graduate, post graduate, postdoctoral and family support leaders. We select academically prepared applicants who have leadership potential and outstanding experience and commitment to improving the quality of life for children with NDD and special health care needs.

Training Curriculum

The CA-LEND training program uses the life course perspective in a MCH competency-based curriculum to train the next generation of interdisciplinary leaders. Trainees develop leadership skills through an intensive and rigorous program in community, didactic, and clinical venues. The ultimate goal is to foster state of the art programs and policies to maximize outcomes for children and youth with NDD and special health care needs.

CA-LEND is a comprehensive 32 week training program that runs September through May. A majority of the training activities are scheduled on Wednesdays, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Our curriculum consists of seven modules that cover the following areas:

- Genetic Disorders
- Neurological and Neuromotor Disabilities
- Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Intellectual and Learning Disabilities
- Chronic Illness and Special Health Care Needs
- Vision, Hearing, Speech and Language Disorders

Learning modalities include seminars, clinical cases, small group exercises, presentation skill development, interdisciplinary team modeling, service system engagement, family-based experiences, policy and advocacy work, research methodology, self reflective leadership training, and clinical exposure.

The long-term training culminates in a Leadership Project in an area of interest with a tangible policy, research or community education product to complete the CA-LEND training.



CA-LEND Certificate Requirements

Successful mastery of competencies in an individually tailored learning program qualify a CA-LEND trainee to receive a long-term certificate. Leaders in the field recognize the certificate as an advanced leadership credential. Trainees receiving a certificate of completion are expected to achieve competencies in the following domains:

- I. Ethical and Professional Conduct
- II. Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
- III. Interdisciplinary Practice/
Collaborative Decision Making
- IV. Health Care Systems and Communities
- V. Public Policy
- VI. Critical Thinking
- VII. Leadership
- VIII. Family Centered and Culturally Competent Care
- IX. Communication, Teaching and Mentoring
- X. Discipline Specific Skills

Medium and short-term training opportunities are available, depending on the participant's qualifications, interest, experience and availability. This program is sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).



CA-LEND



Announcement

FAMILY SUPPORT TRAINING LEND PROGRAM FALL 2017 - SPRING 2019

The USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is offering an in-house training program for parents of children with special needs, which is part of the 1-2 year interdisciplinary training program we operate for students from up to 15 other disciplines.

Consistent with our mission as a graduate training facility, the Family Support Training Program focuses on "advanced" level training for selected experienced parents who have an interest in further developing their skills as peer support/family support professionals, family advocates or care coordination specialists. Family Support Trainees do not have to have an advanced degree but must have a minimum of 2 years' family support or other disability community leadership experience.

Family Support Trainees will participate with other trainees on interdisciplinary teams providing services to children seen in the UCEDD clinics and in the overall UCEDD Leadership Training Program which includes lectures and community projects as well.

There will be an meeting the evening of Monday, February 13, 2017 to introduce potential applicants to the LEND program and go over the Family Support Application and Program requirements. Time and location will be provided when you RSVP.

To RSVP for the information meeting and/or to receive an application packet, contact:
Fran Goldfarb, MA, MCHES, CPSP
Director, Family Support
(323) 361-3831 or fgoldfarb@chla.usc.edu

Application Deadline: March 27, 2017(8 AM)





USC UNIVERSITY CENTER
FOR EXCELLENCE IN
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES

January 17, 2017

Dear Colleague,

The USC University for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Children's Hospital Los Angeles is currently recruiting participants for the Family Support discipline in its 2017 California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders (CA-LEND) training program.

We are seeking parents of children with special needs who have a minimum of 2 years' experience providing family support to other parents or as an advocate for systems change and are interested in receiving advanced training in our multi-disciplinary program.

Please pass the attached announcement and LEND brochure to parents you think may be interested in this opportunity. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at fgoldfarb@chla.usc.edu or 323 361-3831.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran D. Goldfarb".

Sincerely,

Fran D. Goldfarb, MA, MCHES, CPSP
Director, Family Support
USC UCEDD CHLA