

The **Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD)** recently hosted a graduation ceremony for 25 trainees of the 2017-2018 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND) Program.

The interdisciplinary leadership training program is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the federal government at 52 universities around the country.

The LEND Program at WIHD is a 320-hour, two-semester program. The 25 trainees who graduated from WIHD's LEND Program represent audiology, genetics, law, occupational therapy, organizational development, psychology, public health, social work and speech language pathology. Trainees include graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from health and education disciplines, self-advocates, and family members of children and adults with disabilities.

Each year, the LEND trainees are recruited through community-based partners and through academic affiliation agreements with a number of colleges and universities: Fordham University, Mercy College, New York



The LEND Program graduation ceremony

Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice, Sarah Lawrence College, and the University of Puerto Rico.