

The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) hosted a graduation ceremony for 20 trainees of the 2018-2019 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND) Program.



LEND class of 2019

LEND is an interdisciplinary leadership training program 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 graduates 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, 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 Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice, Sarah Lawrence College, and the University of Puerto Rico. Through participating in LEND, trainees develop knowledge and skills to become leaders working with and on behalf of children with disabilities and other special healthcare needs, and their families, to improve health outcomes and decrease disparities.