Training Curriculum:

1) **Didactic Training.** Two semester, flexible, online courses covering clinical and leadership topics related to autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disabilities (2 credit hours per semester).

2) **Clinical Training.** Field experiences in interprofessional care, specialty clinics, and therapeutic interventions for children with autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disabilities.

3) **Leadership / Research Training.** Opportunities to become leaders through mentored leadership projects and research initiatives.

4) **Family Experiences.** Opportunities to experience the full range of triumphs and challenges from the perspective of families.

5) **Community Networking.** Opportunities to observe the inner workings and team dynamics of organizations focusing on child health and neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Who Can Participate:

SC LEND trainees come from many disciplines, including:

- Audiology
- Community Members
- Epidemiology
- Genetics
- Health Administration
- Law
- Medicine/ Pediatrics
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Parents/ Family Members
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Self-Advocates
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

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SC LEND is intended to be completed in conjunction with work or other graduate level training commitments (with the support of employers and/or graduate level training program).

**Long-term Trainees** complete 300+ hours of course work, clinical, and leadership training experiences, typically during a one year traineeship. Opportunities may exist for **Medium-term Plus Trainees**, who complete portions of the training curriculum (e.g. didactic coursework or clinical training).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, beginning in April and ending mid-July of each year.

*Stipends may be available for Long-term trainees

**SC LEND Goals:**

1. Advance the knowledge and skills of all child health professionals to improve health care delivery systems for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

2. Provide high-quality interprofessional education that emphasizes the integration of services from state and local agencies and organizations, private providers, and communities.

3. Provide health professionals with skills that foster community-based partnerships.

4. Promote innovative practices to enhance cultural competency, family-centered care, and interprofessional partnerships.

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