

Institute on Human Development & Disability

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Training | Leadership | Inclusion

The University of Washington Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (UW LEND) program is part of the Institute on Human Development and Disability. We train future leaders who support children and adults with autism, intellectual disability, and developmental disability and their families. We do this through interdisciplinary training and hands-on experience.

Trainees and faculty represent a wide range of disciplines:

- Pediatric Medicine
- Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
- Adult Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Audiology
- Nutrition
- Dentistry
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Genetic Counseling
- Special Education
- Applied Behavior Analysis



50 to 300+ Training Hours
Per Trainee Per Year



27 Faculty
Across 16 Disciplines



130+ Trainees
Educated Each Year



2024-2025 UW LEND Trainees

Our emerging leaders are graduate and post-graduate students, mid-career professionals, and individuals with lived experience

Trainee Spotlight

"I've been honored to work with UW LEND and see the gates open to the self-advocate community in leadership." – Ivanova Smith

Ivanova Smith joined UW LEND in 2014 as the program's first self-advocate trainee, later becoming its first Self-Advocate Faculty member. She helped revise the program's curriculum to reflect dignity and inclusion, mentored peers, and advocated statewide. Today, Ivanova is the Community Collaborations Program Manager at Washington's Developmental Disabilities Administration and helped lead the passage of the *Nothing About Us Without Us* law.

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UW LEND trains future leaders to support people with disabilities and their families through team-based care and community connection.

Team-based Care

UW LEND trainees spend time in UW Specialty Clinics to gain hands-on experience in developmental assessment, diagnosis, and care coordination. Our clinics support people with developmental disabilities from across Washington, including rural and underserved areas, to offer real-world learning alongside a team of provider experts from many different disciplines. UW LEND assures trainees gain skill in interdisciplinary practice and family-centered care to help each patient thrive.

UW Specialty Clinics

- Adult Autism Clinic
- UW Autism Center
- Biochemical Genetics Clinic
- Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Clinic
- Child Development Clinic
- Down Syndrome Specialty Clinic
- FASD Diagnostic & Prevention Clinic
- Genetic Medicine Clinic
- Infant Development Follow-Up Clinic
- Neurogenetics Clinic
- Phenylketonuria Clinic



Over 3,000 unique patients served each year



Over 6,000 clinic visits each year



Serving patients statewide

IHDD UWMC Patients by Washington State Counties 2024

