

LEND Me Your Skills

MCHB/AUCD Pediatric Audiology Training Program

This program has:

- INCREASED the number of skilled pediatric audiologists;
- DEVELOPED family centered, culturally and linguistically appropriate resources;
- INCREASED the number of pediatric audiologists in rural and underserved communities.

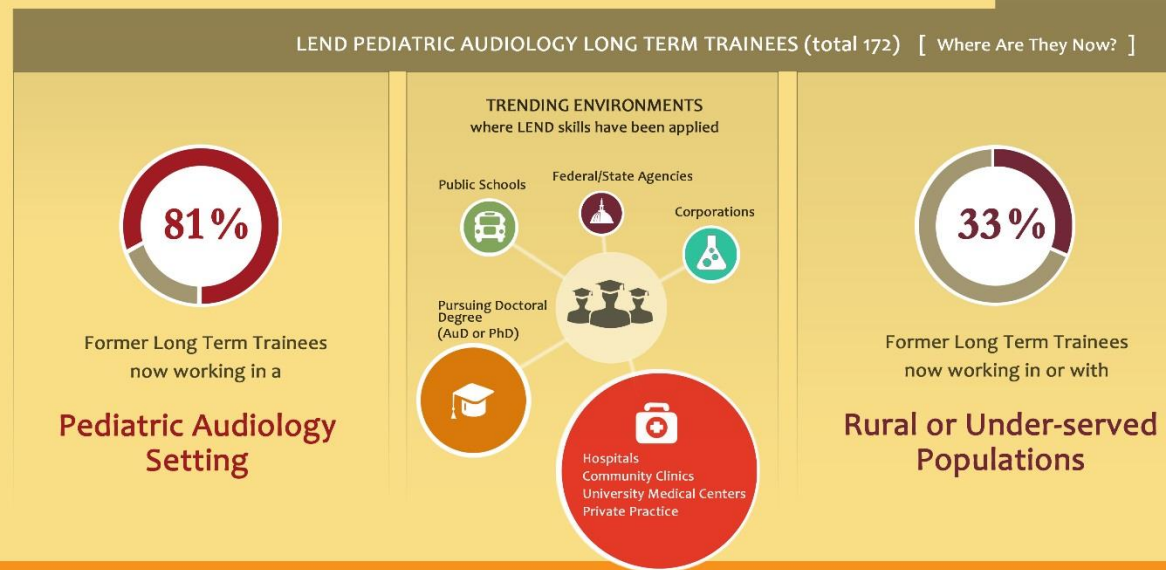


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Beginning in 2009, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) has provided modest supplemental grant funds to a total of 11 LEND programs to expand and augment their pediatric audiology training efforts by training students (Trainees) in the field of pediatric audiology and through the development of audiology curriculum for infants and children. There were three cohorts of LEND programs funded through this program with starting dates of January 2009, July 2009, and January 2011. In December 2013, all 10 LEND programs that continued to receive MCHB funding responded to an AUCD trainee survey. The results of this survey are included in this poster.

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Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND) programs provide long-term, graduate level interdisciplinary training as well as interdisciplinary services and care. The purpose of the LEND training program is to improve the health of infants, children, and adolescents with disabilities. They accomplish this by preparing trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and by insuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence. There are currently 43 LEND programs in 37 states. LEND programs are funded under the 2006 Combating Autism Act and are administered by the Health Resources and Service's Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).



Impact

“ The impact of this pediatric audiology initiative on our LEND program has been enormous... Without being able to offer scholarships to the best and brightest applicants to our program, we would lose them. This is especially true of our trainees who come to us from rural and underserved areas and want to return to those areas to practice following graduation...”

- LEND Director

“ Many opportunities came as a result of the skills of networking and collaborating that I learned as a trainee in the LEND program... For me, the program provided an incredible launch pad for opportunities to increase my awareness, provide leadership, and grow as a young professional in my field. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity provided me!

- LEND Pediatric Audiology Trainee

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