

# AUCD Network Trainee Activities

LEND Directors Meeting  
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# Role of the Virtual Trainee

- Build and Enhance trainee networks
- Reciprocal communication and information sharing
  - Trainee Listserv and Facebook
  - “In person” Networking
  - Trainee Liaison program



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# Trainee Liaison Program

**Mission:** Identify strategies to improve trainee networking and linkage within the AUCD network.

**Vision:** Improve the exchange of information amongst trainees at different sites by increasing trainee participation with current communication means and work to continuously expand communication means as technology evolves.



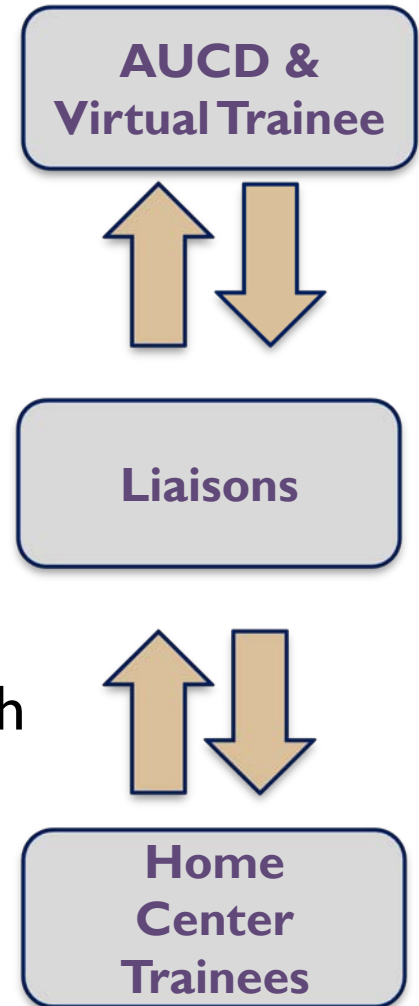
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# Trainee Liaison Program

- **Benefits**
  - Networking
  - Leadership Opportunities
  - Career Direction
- **Responsibilities**
  - 2 to 4 hours per month
  - Term ends in June
  - Reciprocal Communication
  - One Facebook or Listserve post/month
  - Strongly encouraged to replay to Listserv postings!



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# Trainee Survey

- Majority of Trainees prefer Email (or system integrated with email) in Digest Format
  - Discussions
  - Position/Trainee Openings (postdocs, internships, etc.)
  - Other opportunities
- However, would like to keep Facebook and add Professional Social Networking
- Significant difference in responses



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# Trainee Survey - Webinars

- Great topic recommendations
- #1 Response: Legislative update
  - But, they would like trainees to PRESENT part the Legislative Update!
- Family Trainees/Faculty Experiences
- Trainee Forum



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# Virtual Trainee Webinars

- Great experience for Virtual Trainee and Centers
- Presents on:
  - Resources available at [www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org) – NIRS Search and Directory
  - Trainee resources (e.g., [www.aucd.org/trainees](http://www.aucd.org/trainees))
  - Listserve
  - Facebook
  - Disability Policy Seminar and AUCD Annual Meeting Opportunities



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# Virtual Trainee 2010-2011

- Will recruit earlier (April/May)
- Please think about current trainees that will continue their traineeship through 2011 at your Centers OR another Center

# Trainee Liaisons 2010-2011

- Will recruit earlier (August/September)
- Great leadership opportunity and way to get all of the trainees at your center involved



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