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Pathways to LEND:

A Pre-LEND Seminar for Family Support Trainees

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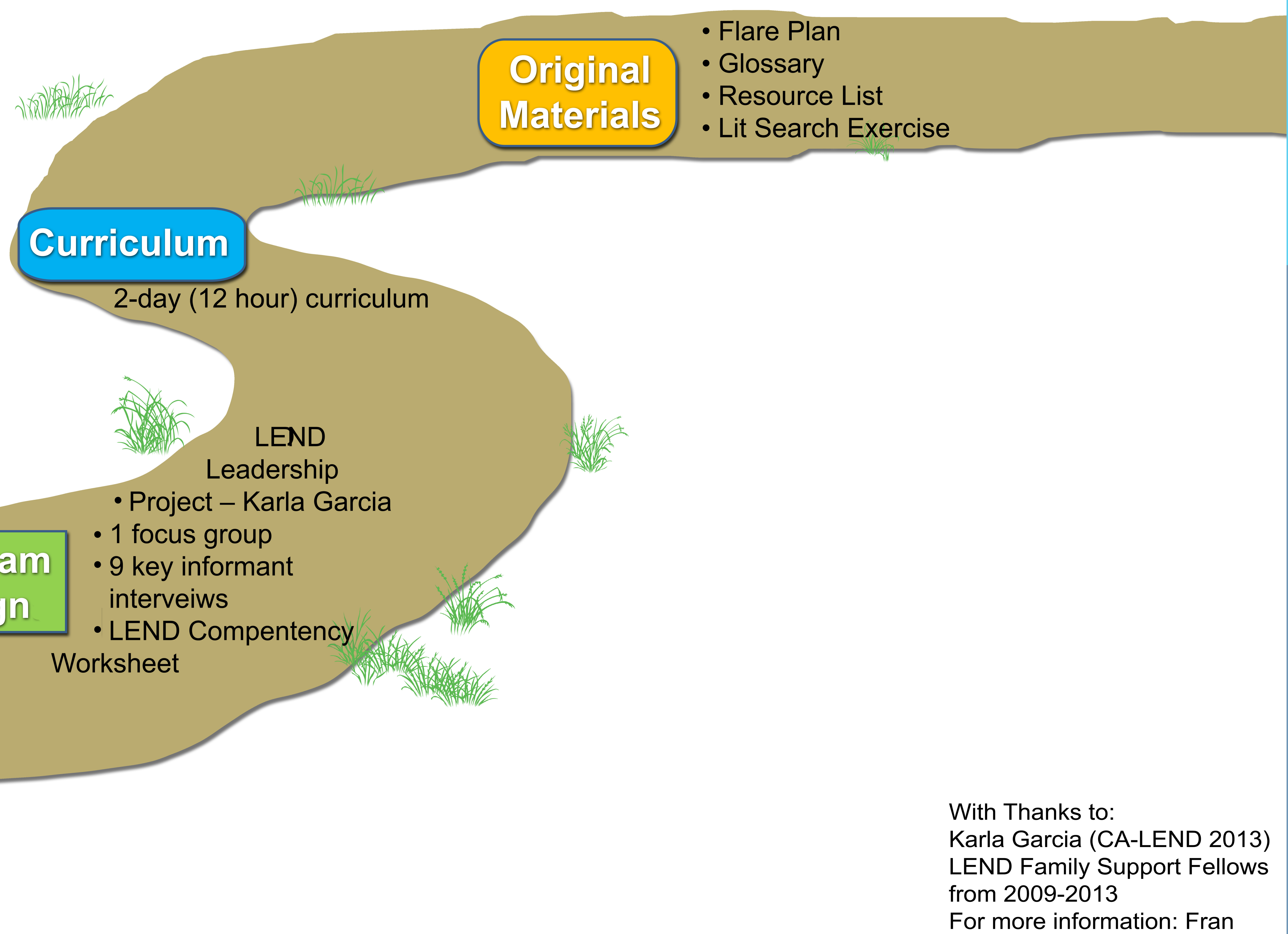
Pathways to LEND is a curriculum to prepare Family Support trainees for the academic rigors of LEND. The CA-LEND doesn't require an advanced degree for Family Support trainees, but rather relies on their experience in family support and systems change advocacy.

Consequently, Family Support trainees may not have some of same academic experiences as fellows from other disciplines. Consequently, trainees have reported they felt "overwhelmed" and "unprepared" for some of the LEND assignments.

Due to "learn by doing" nature of the Family Support profession, trainees in this discipline also have uneven backgrounds. With no universal training, they do not come to LEND with the same foundation knowledge and skills typically seen in other disciplines.

Additionally, LEND family support trainees come to LEND with very full plates. Many work full or part-time during their LEND training and all of them are parents of a child or children with disabilities. Given the realities of parenting a child with a disability, it is not unusual that an unplanned family event would impact their LEND participation.

Pathways to LEND is our solution to these concerns. It is a 2-day pre-LEND seminar that provides training and planning support. Trainees participate in learning activities that provide an introduction to research methodology, advocacy, representing parent voice in an academic setting, pacing and crisis management.



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