

Westchester Institute for Human Development and
New York Medical College

2013-2014 LEND Leadership Project

FAMILY-FOCUSED DISABILITY ORGANIZATION INTERVIEW

Post-Interview Notes

Name of Organization: _____

Organization's Contact Information:

Website (if applicable): _____

Individual Interviewed: _____

LEND Trainee/Interviewer: _____

Date Interview Conducted: _____

1. In what ways does the organization specifically assist families of individuals with developmental disabilities and other special health care needs?
2. Does the organization assist families of individuals with disabilities throughout the lifespan or does it specialize in a particular phase in life?
3. What methods does the organization find most effective in providing information to families seeking assistance in accessing resources, services and supports?

4. Does the organization have a local, regional, state or national focus? Is it associated or affiliated with a larger network that assists families of individuals with developmental disabilities and other special health care needs? If so, briefly identify and describe that network.

5. Does the organization have its own website or is it a part of another organizational website? If so, would you describe the website as “family-friendly” and designed for easy access to information, resources, services and supports? If there are links on the website, which of the links do you think are most useful for families?

6. How are families involved in the organization’s program planning, implementation and evaluation? (For example, working as staff, serving on a board of directors or an advisory group, as trainers, volunteers, providing peer-to-peer support, participants in research, etc.)

7. In what ways, if any, do cultural considerations and socio-economic factors impact on how the disability organization assists and supports families of individuals with disabilities and special health care needs?

8. After learning more about this organization, would you consider this organization to be a valuable resource for families? Why or why not?