LEND Program Quality Improvement Network

The LEND Program Quality Improvement (LPQI) Network is a data collection and analysis system designed to allow participating LEND training programs to compare their training outcomes with national data. The goal is to help individual training programs improve the quality of LEND training in core MCHB competencies. The LPQI data system is managed by the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) through an MCHB-funded technical assistance grant for the LEND programs. Participation in the LPQI Network is voluntary and open to all LEND training programs. Key components include the following: (1) individual LEND programs use standardized measurement tools for core competencies such as family-centered care and interprofessional teaming; (2) LEND programs enter results of core competency measurement tools into a national, inter-institutional database; (3) AUCD analyzes the data and provides feedback to specific LEND programs to aid in quality improvement efforts; and (4) AUCD identifies “best practices” in specific core MCHB training competencies, based on LEND programs achieving above average gains during training.