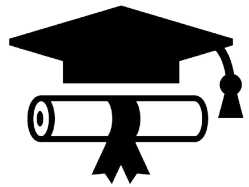


# LEND Accomplishments Under CAAI, 2008-2012

The Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) was created by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in 2008 to promote early screening, diagnostic evaluation, and intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD) through training, awareness building, research, and systems development.



## Training the Next Generation



**3,318 trainees,  
150-300+ training  
hours each  
per year**

LEND programs increased the capacity of the health workforce to provide early screening, diagnosis, and evidenced-based interventions for children with ASD/DD through expert didactic and clinical preparation of future interdisciplinary professionals.

## Training Current Professionals



**55,677 people  
trained at  
CE events  
per year**

LEND programs expanded the knowledge and expertise of practicing professionals to address the immediate demand for early identification, evaluation, and services for children with ASD/DD through the development of continuing education and training events.

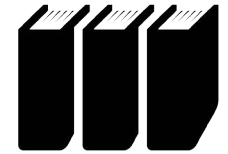
## Screening and Diagnosis



**50,167 children  
screened,  
36,926 assessed  
per year**

LEND programs and affiliated clinics improved the rates of screening and assessment for families of children with ASD/DD by increasing both the numbers of children screened and children who received interdisciplinary diagnostic assessments for ASD/DD.

## Publications and Products



**404 publications,  
716 educational  
products  
per year**

LEND programs advanced public and scientific awareness and understanding of ASD/DD through the publication and dissemination of peer-reviewed research, educational products, conference presentations, and resources for families.

## LEND Programs

Nationwide, 43 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Programs (LENDs) work to improve the lives of children who have or are at risk for developing ASD/DD by preparing trainees from diverse professional disciplines to assume leadership roles in their fields and by insuring high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence.



**43 LENDs  
28 States**

## Learn More

- [aucd.org/itac](http://aucd.org/itac)
- [mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/autism](http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/autism)



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