

Westchester Institute for Human Development
FAMILY-CENTERED COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Family member completing assessment: _____

Date: ___/___/___

LEND Fellow: _____

Please evaluate the LEND fellow who visited with you on the following items:

	Always	Almost Always	Infrequently	Never
1. Used "People-First Language" in talking about our child/children. For example: "our child with autism", rather than "our autistic child".				
2. Listened to our family's experiences without being judgmental or without making negative remarks about our parenting style.				
3. Showed respect for and interest in learning about our family's customs, beliefs and traditions.				
4. Communicated using everyday language that we could understand and in a clear and supportive manner.				
5. Made comments supporting the notion that families have the central role in making decisions about our children.				
6. Treated our child/children with special needs with sensitivity and respect.				
7. Showed a positive outlook about our child/children and focused on our family strengths.				
8. Made comments supporting the notion that good parent/professional collaboration is important.				
9. Was easily accessible and responded in a reasonable amount of time to schedule and complete the visits.				
10. Conducted the visits with minimal disruption to our family integrity and routine.				

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11. Responded positively to our use of parent-to-parent support and/or our family's natural, informal support networks.				
12. Listened to our family's experiences without making judgmental comments about our views on school and community inclusion.				
13. Refrained from making clinical or professional recommendations and/or referrals.				
14. Overall impressions or comments you wish to share:				

**We appreciate you completing and returning this evaluation form.
Thank you for contributing your valuable time to mentor our LEND fellows.**

Please return this evaluation form to:

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