

**LEND
FAMILY MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

Learning Goals for LEND Fellows

1. To understand the impact a child with developmental disabilities and special health care needs may have on the entire family.
2. To learn about the emotions experienced and stages of adjustment parents go through when a child is diagnosed with a developmental disability or special health care need requiring ongoing care.
3. To appreciate the value of good collaboration between parents and professionals.
4. To learn about community resources available for children with special needs and their families.
5. To consider obstacles, challenges, opportunities and outcomes of school and community inclusion for children with developmental disabilities or special health care needs.
6. To understand the importance of family-centered practices.
7. To increase awareness of how personal attitudes and biases can impact upon a professional's relationship with children with developmental disabilities and special health care needs and their families including issues of a philosophical, emotional or ethical nature.
8. To increase appreciation of the potential, capabilities and contributions of children with developmental disabilities.