



LEND NETWORK

The MIND Training program is part of a national network of Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) programs. As a network, these programs have an ultimate goal of improving the health status of infants, children, and adolescents with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families. This goal is reached through exemplary leadership training programs such as MIND.



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MIND Training Program

Mid-Tennessee Interdisciplinary Instruction
in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

A Leadership Education in
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program

INTERDISCIPLINARY

The MIND program prepares graduate and postgraduate students enrolled in academic programs in a variety of health-related fields including:

- Audiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatrics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

The program stresses interdisciplinary, family-centered, competent, community-coordinated services for infants, children, and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families. A parent of a child with a disability serves as a MIND faculty member. Preparation for leadership roles in the field of maternal and child health, especially public health services and policy systems change, is a particular focus. Additionally, the program prepares trainees to participate in research relevant to maternal and child health populations, especially those who are unserved or underserved.

The program provides specialized training for those interested in autism spectrum disorders and pediatric audiology.

CURRICULUM

The competency-based training program provides a knowledge and experience base that includes:

- Neurodevelopmental and related disabilities
- Family-centered, culturally competent care
- Advocacy
- Leadership skills

Educational experiences include:

- Course work
- Development of intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary skills
- A family mentorship experience
- Research
- Outreach to the community
- Technical assistance
- Continuing education
- Product development and dissemination



COLLABORATION

The program is administered through the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, a transinstitutional center that includes a:

- LEND program (MIND)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center (EKS IDDRC)
- University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
- Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders (TRIAD)

The MIND program collaborates closely with the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, Division of Developmental Medicine and Cognition; and the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences.

The MIND Training Program at Vanderbilt also collaborates with other colleges, universities, and community agencies including:

- Belmont University (Occupational Therapy)
- Meharry Medical College (Pediatric Dentistry)
- Tennessee State University (Physical Therapy)
- Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Tennessee Disability Coalition (Family Voices)
- University of Tennessee, Nashville (Social Work)