



Position description: Family Advocate Trainee

Requirements: Parent/Family Member to an individual with a disability. Must have the lived experience of living with a person with a disability. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in developing leadership, advocacy skills, and knowledge related to developmental disabilities. Applicants do NOT need to be a current student to participate in the program.

Trainee expectations: Selected students will participate in coursework during the fall and spring semesters for a minimum of 300 hours. Classes are held on Fridays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Coursework will include, but not limited to, information regarding developmental disorders, disability policy, leadership, interdisciplinary practice, cultural-competence, and family-centered care. Advocacy trainees will also participate in specific learning activities to enhance their ability to become leaders within their communities. Advocacy trainees will work with a faculty mentor and other LEND faculty to fulfill assignments and to develop a leadership project. Regular attendance in classes and outside learning assignments is an expectation of the LEND program.

Provisions of the LEND grant: Selected trainees will be eligible for a stipend for the length of the 9-month program.

Application: Please refer to the TIPS for Kids website, tips4kids.org for further information regarding application. Interested students who submit their application will be contacted for a possible interview with LEND faculty.

Application Deadline: April 8, 2022

TIPS Information Meeting

Friday, March 25th, Noon to 1 PM via Zoom

<https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/93297209039>

Meeting ID: 932 9720 9039