



VT LEND

preparing leaders
across health professions



VT LEND Teaching Session

WHAT IS VT LEND

Vermont's **Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities** is a training program about improving systems of care for children and youth with Autism and other neurodevelopmental disabilities such as Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disability.

WHAT DOES VT LEND DO

- Trains professionals, self-advocates and family members to become leaders and change systems
- Teaches about neurodevelopmental disabilities, leadership, person- and family-centered care, interdisciplinary collaboration, cultural and linguistic competence, and policy and systems change.



VT LEND legislative visit with Senator Patrick Leahy in Washington, D.C.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 1995, VT LEND has graduated:

- **193** Long Term Trainees (300+ hours)
- **341** Medium Term Trainees (40-299 hours)
- **379** Short Term Trainees (under 40 hours)

In 2018-2019 alone, VT LEND presented their work 23 times at national conferences, 35 publications and 127 trainings.

WHAT OUR TRAINEES SAY

"I am a better advocate, mother and citizen because of the incredible exposure I received through LEND."

Family Fellow,
Graduated 2017



2019 Graduating Fellows

"The training and mentorship I received...helped me understand the cultural, social, and economic issues affecting access to

health care as well as how I can be an ally and advocate for the children and families I work with on a personal level as well as on a local and national scale."

Occupational Therapy Fellow, Graduated 2017



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- Learn more about VT LEND by visiting the website below.
- Call our office at (802) 656-0204.

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