

Mailman Center Quarterly



Welcome to our first quarterly Mailman Center LEND Newsletter. We hope you remember your training experience with us fondly and we'd love to keep in touch. So, we'll highlight here our many program, faculty, staff and trainee accomplishments. Mailman Center is a special place with an amazing team. We take our mission seriously to improve the health and well-being of children and young adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities and special health care needs.

Mailman Center for Child Development Celebrates!

The Mailman Center for Child Development at University of Miami School of Medicine just completed four decades of training, clinical service and research. Thankfully, we are still alive and well and innovating! We were one of the first University Affiliated Facilities (UAFs) now called UCEDDs, (University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service) and LENDs (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) in the country. We continue to provide leadership education through LEND to various disciplines and this year we added public health trainees to our team. We pride ourselves on always imagining what the future will hold... with the first web based learning platform for our trainees in the AUCD network in 2002 and now are headed to the third version. More recently we have begun collaborating with local and state disability organizations on how to best assist our families understand the Affordable Care Act.

Training Updates

Special points of interest:

- Remember to complete your survey and submit by 3/31/13
- Visit us on [Facebook](#)

Innovative Leadership Training

In this cycle of our LEND re-application grant, we added an innovative leadership curriculum called The Emerging Transformational Leadership Program (ETLP). We target early to mid career professionals, parents and self-advocates who are identified as emerging leaders in the disability community and could benefit from a targeted leadership training curriculum focused on disability and leadership content.

Florida Network Meeting

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Our Training Director, Michelle Schladant and Associate Director, Shelly Baer took three trainees to the first Florida Collaborative Network meeting in Orlando. Elsa Clarke, ETLF Fellow, Samah Alkhashki, Public Health and Nathalia Aguirre-Castro, Social Work attended the meeting. It was a beginning networking for the three Florida MCHB funded programs to share resources, ideas and to work on a collaborative group project. The meeting was a success and we are excited to learn from and work with our Florida neighbors.

Trainee Corner

We have two trainees who are acting as our AUCD liaisons: Kara Bechtold, Audiology and Stephanie Camejo, Psychology. Kara attended the AUCD national conference in December 2012 and Stephanie will be attending the Disability Policy conference in the spring. They also created a Mailman LEND trainee Facebook page, please sign up so we can keep in touch and learn what you are up to! We are grateful to have their passion and enthusiasm on the team.

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For Your Information

As part of your LEND experience, you will be getting an evaluation survey from us after 1, 5 and 10 years. We want to know what you are doing now. So please remember to send us your current email or sign up on our Facebook page. Thanks!

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