

LEND TRAINEE BIO

As we grow our LEND program, we hope to build a network dedicated to understanding disability services. We believe that including your bios will help cultivate an interest in your work, leadership, and how you contribute to LEND. Prospective trainees, other LEND trainees, community organizations, clinics, etc., can develop their understanding of how other trainees have contributed to LEND and view our contributions in the field of disabilities. Feel free to provide as much or as little information as you are comfortable posting publicly. Remember, it is ok to keep this information very general. The website is illinoislend.org if you would like to view what former trainees have posted.

When complete, please upload to your summer assignments folder.

NAME: CARI ROESTEL

DISCIPLINE: NURSING

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities: I am a nurse care manager in a developmental and behavioral pediatrics practice and therapy center, a family member, and was a long time state of Illinois CDC Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador. My own family's experiences motivate my continued focus on building stronger support systems for all individuals and families with disabilities, with a particular interest in early identification of support needs and improving access to care.

Goals for your LEND training experience: I am excited for the amazing opportunity to learn more about available resources, learn more about others' lived experiences and perspectives, and to think more deeply about systems of care and the models and perspectives that have shaped them in the past and what future models we should strive for in Illinois.

What you wish to contribute, in the future, as an advocate/professional/family member in the field: I hope to continue my work advocating for improved support systems for families and individuals with disabilities here in Illinois.

We would also like to post a headshot of each trainee along with the bios. Please upload in jpeg or png file to your summer assignments folder.