

NAME: NOELLE LINDSAY

DISCIPLINE: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

My experience working in the field of disabilities began in high school. I was on the executive board of Best Buddies and Special Olympics and a student in the school's adaptive physical education class. I formed such amazing connections during those experiences that I continued participating in similar programs in college. In undergrad, I also worked as a youth rock climbing coach for children with and without disabilities. This job cemented the idea that I wanted to work in the field of disabilities so I spent my time home from college shadowing occupational therapists in a pediatric setting working with children with disabilities.

Goals for your LEND training experience:

My main goals for my LEND training experience are improving my advocacy and leadership skills and understanding of different disability policies and systems.

What you wish to contribute, in the future, as an advocate/professional/family member in the field:

As both a person and a professional in the field, I want to provide culturally competent and inclusive care and be an advocate for individuals with disabilities.