

NAME: ALICIA LAROUCH

DISCIPLINE: SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

Currently, I'm completing my clinical fellowship in speech-language pathology at Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley. I work with pediatric clients with a wide range of diagnoses and their families to support their speech, language, feeding/swallowing, and overall communication skills in their homes and at the outpatient clinic. Additionally, I serve as a camp counselor/program assistant for the Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association, which provides an inclusive summer camp and weekly programs for kids, teenagers, and adults.

Goals for your LEND training experience:

I would really like to learn more about policies and procedures in the healthcare and disability fields; in particular, my goal is to learn how speech-language pathologists can advocate for our clients and their families in impactful ways.

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

As a professional, I hope to serve as a resource to clients and families by supporting them as they navigate the healthcare system and connecting them with other providers. I also hope that my future contributions to the field include spreading knowledge of neuroaffirming care to clients, families, and communities at large.