

NAME: SHELBY GORDON

DISCIPLINE: PUBLIC HEALTH

**Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:**

I was a clinical coordinator in crisis response and prevention services for individuals with IDD's for a non-profit in Brooklyn and Staten Island, New York. In this role, I conducted comprehensive service evaluations, cross systems crisis prevention and intervention planning, community training and education, and emergency response through community outreach. I have been a special education teaching assistant in several public schools, a behavior technician in an ABA clinic, and one-on-one aid in an afterschool and summer setting.

**Goals for your LEND training experience:**

I would like to strengthen my research expertise in maternal and child health focus areas as it relates to intellectual and developmental disabilities. I would also like to become more involved in policy to overcome systematic barriers to healthcare services for individuals and families with disabilities.

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

As an interdisciplinary public health professional concentrated in disability-related work, I am seeking to provide evidence-based and community-centered support to achieve health equity in all individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am particularly interested in increasing access to appropriate sexuality education for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through both community outreach and research. I aspire to contribute to policy change through research and advocacy.

**We would also like to post a headshot of each trainee along with the bios. Please attach in jpeg or png file.**