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DISCIPLINE: SELF ADVOCATE

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

- Disability Lead Fellow 2022
- Planned Parenthood Illinois Action Disability Advocacy & Organizing Program Manager

Goals for your LEND training experience:

- Learn self-advocacy skills and how to talk about my disability
- Connect with other self-advocates
- Learn about disabilities other than my own
- Work to include mental health/psychiatric disabilities into the larger discussion on disability

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

- Going forward, I want to continue to be a disability advocate in all spaces and focus my professional life on disability advocacy and accessibility. I would like to start focusing my work on mental healthcare reform specifically and making sure that mental healthcare is seen and treated as a right.