

# 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](http://illinoislend.org) if you would like to view what former trainees have posted.

When complete, please upload to your summer assignments folder.

NAME: LILA MOTLEY

DISCIPLINE: NUTRITION

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

I currently work as a graduate assistant in the Department of Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In the past, I was a weekly volunteer at a daycare center for children with developmental disabilities and I was a nanny for an autistic child with Down Syndrome.

## Goals for your LEND training experience:

My goals for this LEND training experience are to connect and collaborate with an interdisciplinary team and develop skills to better advocate for disabled people and their families.

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

I want to further explore the overlap between nutrition and disability studies. It is an understudied and under-discussed topic in nutrition. I want to change that. I will use my training to better treat my patients and their families.

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.**