



## Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (GULEND)

### Self-Advocate Trainees

#### What is GULEND?

**GULEND** is an interdisciplinary training program of the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development. The purpose of **GULEND** is to improve the health of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD) by preparing trainees from a wide variety of disciplines to assume leadership roles and to ensure high levels of clinical competence.

#### What is a GULEND Self-Advocate Trainee?

The self-advocate trainee is a person who identifies as someone with a disability. The self-advocate trainee participates in GULEND to further development critical leadership competencies as it relates to ASD/DD by attending a weekly seminar program, participating in interdisciplinary team clinical experiences, being mentored by experts in the field, and completing a leadership project. Through **GULEND**, self-advocate trainees have the opportunity to collaborate with service providers, policy makers, and families and share their own lived experiences.

#### What would I do?

Self-advocates learn and work with the other **GULEND** trainees, sharing their lived experiences and offering valuable personal perspective about disability. Self-advocate trainees receive a generous stipend for their participation.

#### What is required?

Self-advocate trainees participate in the **GULEND** program 10 hours a week, from September 10, 2021 through June 17, 2022. Participation includes attending the **GULEND** seminar on Fridays from 8:30-4, attending a variety of clinical experiences in the community, and completing a project with other **GULEND** trainees.

#### How do I apply?

Complete the Trainee Application

#### For more information

For more information about the **GULEND** program and to receive a GULEND Application contact the **GULEND** Training Director, [Lorelei Pisha](mailto:lorelei.pisha@georgetown.edu), EdD at [lorelei.pisha@georgetown.edu](mailto:lorelei.pisha@georgetown.edu) or **GULEND** Director, Toby Long, PhD at [longt@georgetown.edu](mailto:longt@georgetown.edu) for more information.

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