



Psychology Externship Training Program in Developmental Pediatrics 2021-22

JFK Partners, Colorado's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program is offering specialized training for individuals planning careers in working with children with developmental disabilities and their families. This part-time 12 hours per week commitment begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.

The training emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to research, assessment, intervention, family support, service coordination, and community integration to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Development of disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise, leadership and consultation skills and research as well as clinical growth are the goals of the training program.

Eligibility:

- Applications will be accepted from candidates who are currently enrolled in ***at least their 3rd year*** of an APA Doctoral Program (PhD/PsyD) in Clinical, Counseling, or School Psychology.
- We are particularly interested in students who have a demonstrated interest in developmental disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- ***Proof of malpractice coverage must be provided by the*** extern's training institution or by the extern prior to the start date.

JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff and trainees to enrich the training environment and better prepare professionals and advocates to promote health equity, wellness, and reduced disparities. We have had challenges recruiting trainees that match the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of Colorado. It is a priority to JFK Partners to increase representation of the workforce, so it reflects the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are encouraged to apply.

Program Description: Externs will engage in a program of academic and clinical experiences in evaluation, diagnosis, and development and provision of evidence-based interventions for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or other Developmental Disabilities. Supervision is provided by Licensed Clinical Psychologists Judy Reaven, PhD and Audrey Blakeley-Smith, PhD as well as post-doctoral fellows in psychology.

Externship experiences include:

- Highly supervised work on one of our assessment teams
- Training and supervision in the Facing Your Fears group therapy
- Coursework in Leadership in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (daily Aug 2-6 and 9-13, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 pm for this in-person course held at the Anschutz Medical Campus)
- Coursework in Screening and Assessment of Children/Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Support: A stipend may be available and will be discussed during interviews. This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. JFK Partners is applying for a competing renewal in 2021, so letters of offer cannot be made until the award is received.

Application Procedure:

Please include the following documents in your application:

1. Cover Letter Statement of Interest - Please include the answers to the following questions:
 - Describe why an externship at JFK Partners interests you and what you would like to get out of your training year.
 - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental disabilities.
2. Resume/Vita (should include educational background)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this externship.

Deadline:

The deadline for receipt of materials is **April 1, 2021**. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu.

For more information, please contact:

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