



Psychology Externship Training Program in Developmental Pediatrics 2023-24

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 15 hours per week commitment begins July 1, 2023.

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities by preparing an interdisciplinary cadre of professionals to take leadership roles in providing services, improving systems of care, and building inclusive communities for these individuals and their families.

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.
- Must be available to take coursework on Tuesdays (Sept-May) and attend a Leadership Course (daily July 31-Aug 4 and Aug 7-11, 2023 from 1:00-4:00 pm).
- Only candidates with US citizenship may be considered.

Program Description:

Externs will engage in a 15-hour/week program of academic and clinical experiences in evaluation, diagnosis, and development and provision of evidence-based interventions for children and adolescents with autism 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 Dialogues
- Coursework in Screening and Assessment of Children/Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Support:

A monthly stipend for this part-time (15-hours/week), pre-doctoral trainee position is available for those completing the program in 300 hours or more. Stipends are expected to follow the [NRSA stipend schedule](#), which will be approximately \$600 per month.

Courses completed during the training are eligible to be considered as electives for the [MPH in Maternal and Child Health](#). Tuition for course credit is not provided above the stipend amount. Trainees who wish to

receive credit need to apply to be a Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Student with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, register, and pay for the courses.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. This position is funded by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Award #2 T73MC11044-14-00, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026.

Application: Please include the following documents:

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 or other developmental disabilities.
2. Resume or Curriculum Vita (CV) (should include educational background)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this externship.

Participation during COVID-19: It is preferred that all courses and clinical/community observations be completed in-person to gain the most from the interdisciplinary cohort, however during COVID-19, it may be required to complete them online. For this reason, applicants need to have access to a computer and a reliable internet connection. Additionally, participants will be required to follow the [CU Anschutz](#) and Children's Hospital Colorado COVID-19 vaccination policy which requires full vaccination prior to start date.

Please notify us in your application if either of these requirements will be a barrier to your participation:

1. Access to a computer with reliable internet connection and/or
2. COVID-19 vaccination prior to start date.

Deadline:

The deadline for receipt of materials is **February 1, 2023**. Please email materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu.

For more information, please contact:

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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, social equality, and reduced disparities. While we have had challenges recruiting trainees that match Colorado's racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, it is a priority for JFK Partners to increase workforce representation to reflect the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with historically underrepresented racial, ethnic, and cultural identities are encouraged to apply.