



## Psychology Externship Training Program in Developmental Pediatrics 2025-26

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 working with children with developmental disabilities and their families. This part-time 15 hours per week commitment begins July 1, 2025.

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism or 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 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 an interdisciplinary assessment team (speech language, occupational therapy, psychology, medical provider)
- Training and supervision in the Facing Your Fears group therapy
- Coursework in Leadership Dialogues I (daily Aug 4-8 and Aug 11-15, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 pm)
- Coursework in Screening and Assessment of Children/Youth with Autism (Tues, Fall semester)
- Coursework in Leadership Dialogues II (Advocacy & Policy) (Five Tues didactic sessions 10:30-12:30 Jan-Mar and IDD Awareness Day at Colorado Capitol)

**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 autistic individuals or individuals with 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.

**Deadline:**

The deadline for receipt of materials is **Feb 1, 2025**. Please email materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, JFK Partners, at [Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu).

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.

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